

MONTAGUE ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday November 25, 2025, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Due to COVID-19 Public Participation will be by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84485182948?pwd=wjj9vVnMJGalubyF7hfRqAKYzSLJCI.1>
Meeting ID: 844 8518 2948 Passcode: 104762 * +1 646 558 8656 US (NY)

Votes May Be Taken

Designate facilitator and scribe, roll call of members who are present 4:32 PM.

General updates and discussion with Chris Nolan-Zeller, Asst. Town Administrator. 4:35 PM

- Quorum requirements for Committee, reduced number of places for members
- Other updates & discussion

Discussion with Chris Nolan-Zeller, Asst. Town Administrator exploring possibility of becoming a Climate Leader Community. 4:45 PM

- Responses to the Select Board's (SB) questions.
 - Working on Zero Emission Vehicle First Policy.
 - What additional info do we have on how other communities are complying?
 - Charging costs, incentives, state subsidies for municipal charging stations.
 - Include in FAQ?
 - New information on developers' concerns about Specialized Stretch Code (if any).

Further Planning and Preparation for putting ZEV First policy in place 5:10 PM.

State & federal level energy-related policies & legislation updates. 5:20 PM.

- Update on MA climate bill proposed by Rep. Cusack.
- Eversource Smart Meters now being installed.
 - Article on how consumers can use them to lower electricity costs?

Community Planning For Solar with U. Mass. Clean Energy. Extension. 5:25 PM

* Approach land trusts re: protecting high value conservation lands that could be sited for large arrays.

Schools and Energy. 5:30 PM

Energy Related Town Facility Updates. 5:35 PM

- Further discussion on the possibility of putting PV panels on the roof of the DPW and the Public Safety Complex, backup for operations and EV charging.
- Potential of energy capture from wastewater treatment.
- Information on net zero & energy efficient techniques and policy updates on embodied carbon.
 - Brief summary of MA Embodied Carbon Intergovernmental Council draft proposal.

- Shared MA Climate Action Network's language for RFP's on embodied carbon in building materials with several town staff and SB, for possible use for new Town buildings.

Helping Town Prioritize Energy-Saving Projects for Upcoming State & Federal Grants. 5:45 PM

[Energy Saver Home Loan Program \(ESHLP\)](#) and promotion of program. 5:50 PM

- Letter to Montague Reporter Editor?

Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting. 5:52 PM

Announcements (no discussion). 5:54 PM

Plan agenda for next meeting. 5:56 PM