

MONTAGUE ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85805475337?pwd=7HiwSsDMaDezKb7thCLhdGSZRvKn48.1>
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Votes May Be Taken

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

Discussion of Town exploring possibility of becoming a Climate Leader Community 4:35 PM.

- Alex Osterman & Mary Quigley of Ashfield re: passing Specialized Opt-In Stretch Code, Zero-Emission Vehicle First policy & Municipal Decarbonization Commitment. Adapt Ashfield info sheets?
- Chris Mason has offered to meet with MEC on strategizing about becoming a CLC.
- Discussion with Chris Nolan-Zeller, Town Asst. Administrator about becoming a CLC

Other updates and Discussion with Chris Nolan-Zeller, Town Asst. Administrator 4:50 PM

- Update on Building Decarbonization Roadmap for nine Town facilities, funded by the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) from DOER
- Will Town explore opportunity with UMass Lowell for Montague to get a FREE, part-time fellow dedicated to supporting energy transition projects [UMass handles training and payment of person]?

Approve minutes from Dec. 17, 2024 and Jan. 28, 2025 MEC meetings (vote) 5:00 PM

State & federal level energy-related policies & legislation updates. 5:05 PM.

Community Planning For Solar with U. Mass. Clean Energy Ext. 5:15 PM

- * Approach land trusts re: protecting high conservation lands that could be sited for large arrays.
- Status of 30% incentive payments for municipalities/other nonprofits in place of tax credit, and of tax credits for residential and commercial solar.
- Depending on above status, approach big companies re: PV panels on roofs, canopies on parking lots?

Schools and Energy. 5:25 PM

Energy Related Town Facility Updates. 5:30 PM

- MA Building Electrification Accelerator (BEA) offer to help Montague explore town building electrification: ideas of buildings to explore with them.
- Information on net zero & energy efficient techniques, including embodied carbon.

Writing MEC annual report for Town (due Thurs. March 6) 5:35 PM

Recruiting more Energy Committee members. 5:40 PM

Helping Town Prioritize Energy-Saving Projects for Upcoming State & Federal Grants. 5:43 PM

[Energy Saver Home Loan Program \(ESHLP\)](#) and promotion of program 5:45 PM

Adding missing approved minutes to the Town web site. 5:50 PM

Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting. 5:54 PM

Announcements (no discussion). 5:56 PM

Plan agenda for next meeting. 5:58 PM