

MONTAGUE ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86342413355?pwd=HewQ4BaozevvKalQDfa7OaQZX9Ngnr.1>
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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, Town Asst. Administrator 4:35 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]?

Discussion of Town exploring possibility of becoming a Climate Leader Community 4:40 PM.

- Talk about strategies and steps to introducing CLC requirements to select board, residents at a public forum, & Town Meeting
 - Start to look at FAQs, other resource documents from Ashfield, Mass. Climate Action Network (MCAN) [webpages](#) and MCAN/Sierra Club [toolkit](#) on adopting the Specialized Opt-In Stretch Code and discuss what we want to prepare.

Approve minutes from Jan. 28 and Feb. 25, 2025 MEC meetings (vote) 5:15 PM

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

Community Planning For Solar with U. Mass. Clean Energy Ext. 5: 25 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. 5:30 PM

Energy Related Town Facility Updates. 5:35 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.

Helping Town Prioritize Energy-Saving Projects for Upcoming State & Federal Grants. 5:40PM

[Energy Saver Home Loan Program \(ESHLP\)](#) and promotion of program. 5:43 PM

Recruiting more Energy Committee members. 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