

MONTAGUE ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday September 9, 2025, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85475135067?pwd=jacrjFBvt7akTurdyfNfSTUspj3iP.1>

Meeting ID: 854 7513 5067 Passcode: 005418 +16465588656 (by phone)

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

Discussion with Chris Nolan-Zeller, Asst. Town Administrator exploring possibility of becoming a Climate Leader Community. 4:40 PM

- Responses to the Select Board's (SB) questions
 - Discussion on possible impacts on Police Dept. vehicle purchases
 - Would dept. be required to buy all-electric new cruisers now or in the near future?
 - What additional info do we have on how other communities are complying?
 - Analysis of how costs would be impacted if the Police Dept. were required to purchase electric police cruisers with each replacement instead of the hybrid or gas vehicles it currently uses.
 - More information on how adopting the Specialized Stretch Code would impact the overall costs of development, any potential impacts on large-scale residential, commercial, and/or mixed-use development projects, and whether it may add challenges to attracting a developer to the site.
- Warrant articles drafted by Walter Ramsey for Select Board.

Further Planning and Preparation for applying to become a CLC 4:55 PM.

- **Preparing for SB meeting in September, when Town Meeting articles are approved.**
 - Ask Chris Mason if available for possible SB meeting dates when might have time to discuss and/or make a short presentation to address their recent concerns.
 - Does Chris NZ know when, if SB might have time to further discuss, present info on SB's concerns?
 - Slides, brief presentation by MEC to SB to address their concerns?
 - What information should be presented to address recent SB concerns regarding police vehicles and EV costs
 - How best to respond to housing developers' questions and concerns relayed by Chris N. at last meeting.
 - Review revised FAQ on large-scale development under Specialized Stretch Code.
 - Share with SB?

- Review revised FAQ on benefits to residents from adopting Specialized Stretch Code.
 - Share with SB?
 - If approved, send to Greenfield Recorder writer who wrote re CLC?
- Gathering supporters to help speak in favor, counter misperceptions.
- Organizing Town forum(s) to present idea of becoming CLC, address questions, concerns.
 - Coordinating with Chris Mason and expert on Specialized Stretch Code
 - Possible dates, times for forum?
 - By Zoom?
 - Gathering supporters to help speak in favor, counter misperceptions.
- **Discuss how to prepare for Town Meeting articles requiring approval, what share with TM in advance:**
 - Share FAQ on adopting Specialized Opt-In Stretch Code and general info sheet on CLC?
 - Prepare info sheet on non-binding commitment to ending on-site burning of fossil fuels in municipal buildings by 2050 (decarbonization plan), or maybe just general intro to CLC, to put warrant in larger context.
 - How reach out to TM members?

Approve minutes from August 26, 2025 MEC meeting (vote). 5:40 PM

Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting. 5:45 PM

Announcements (no discussion). 5:50 PM

Plan agenda for next meeting. 5:55 PM