

MONTAGUE ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday February 17, 2026 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

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

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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, Asst. Town Administrator. 4:35 PM

- Changes on committee.
 - Discuss how may adapt.
 - Facilitation?
 - Drafting and submitting agenda for posting at Town Hall, on town calendar?
 - How best to move forward.
- Other updates & discussion

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

- Working on Zero Emission Vehicle First Policy.
 - State subsidies for municipal EVs?
 - Review revised FAQ.
- Further planning and preparation for putting ZEV First policy in place.
- New information on developers' concerns about Specialized Stretch Code (if any).
- Review new draft FAQ on Specialized Stretch Code.

Approve Nov. 25 Meeting Minutes. 5:10 PM

Annual Report write-up from MEC due March 5. 5:20 PM

State & federal level energy-related policies & legislation updates. 5:25 PM.

Schools and Energy. 5:30 PM

- Plans for new school?

Energy Related Town Facility Updates. 5:35 PM

- New library building update on application for funds?
- 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.
- MA Embodied Carbon Intergovernmental Council recommendations:
 - Out now or very soon.
 - Municipalities not required to follow recommendations but can decide to:
 - Require Environmental Product Declarations (EDPs) for building and road project RFPs.
 - Use state model embodied carbon procurement from Mass Dept. of Transportation (DOT) & Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance (DCAMM).
 - Green Communities will lead municipalities on embodied carbon.
 - Harmonize municipal recommendations from Mass Climate Action Network (MCAN) for building RFPs.
 - Mass. Clean Energy Center has a list of low embodied carbon ready-mix concrete (Sally sent link to Chris N-Z, Maureen, & Walter).
- Capturing heat from onsite wastewater as heat pump heat source, for Farren development?
- Explain Mother's Out Front's Clean Affordable Heat Now Campaign.

Helping Town Prioritize Energy-Saving Projects for Upcoming State & Federal Grants. 5:48 PM

Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting. 5:50 PM

Announcements (no discussion). 5:54 PM

Plan agenda for next meeting. 5:56 PM