

## **MONTAGUE ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday March 17, 2026 6 PM to 7:30 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 6 PM.**

**General updates from Chris Nolan-Zeller, Asst. Town Administrator. 6:05 PM**

- Working on Zero Emission Vehicle First Policy.
  - State subsidies for municipal EVs?
- Other updates.

**Discussion on becoming a Climate Leader Community 6:10 PM**

Discussion about new information regarding Specialized Stretch Code.

- How sort out conflicting perspectives on Specialized Code?
  - Spray foam insulation has high total Global Warming Impact.
    - How much more likely would it be to be used to meet Specialized Code HERS values and Passive House standards than Stretch Code?
    - With the likelihood of more stringent energy codes being adopted in coming years, is adopting the Specialized Code just getting ahead of that and putting the Town in the position to apply for CLC status and grants?
    - Schedule discussion with building expert?
  - Reach out to local builders about their practices, how they meet Stretch Code, would meet Specialized Stretch Code, concerns, questions they have?

**Discuss committee goals, individual interests, potential new directions 6:30 PM**

- Possible goals:
  - Continue advising Town on greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) & energy reduction opportunities, such as becoming a CLC, and helping facilitate opportunities, in line with state mandates.
  - Educate, do outreach to community.
  - Include consumer utility affordability in our efforts to address lower energy use & GHG emissions?
  - Submitting comments to legislature, state agencies on energy/GHG-reduction related issues.
  - Others?

**Approve Feb. 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes. 6:55 PM**

**State & federal level energy-related policies & legislation updates 7 PM.**

**Energy Related Town Facility Updates, including Schools. 7:05 PM**

- Briefly discuss planning process for Farren site development and potential MEC input.
  - How, when introduce idea of capturing heat from onsite wastewater as heat pump heat source, for Farren development?
- 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:
  - 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.
- Explain Mother's Out Front's Clean Affordable Heat Now Campaign.

**Helping Town Prioritize Energy-Saving Projects for Upcoming State & Federal Grants. 7:15 PM**

**Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting. 7:18 PM**

**Announcements (no discussion). 7:20 PM**

**Plan agenda for next meeting. 7:25 PM**