

## MONTAGUE ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday May 12, 2026 4:30 PM to 6 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 4:30-4:35 PM.**

**General updates from Chris Nolan-Zeller, Asst. Town Administrator. 4:35-4:45PM**

- Working on Zero Emission Vehicle First Policy.
  - State subsidies for municipal EVs?
- Other updates, including possible town EV charger installation plans, how far along are municipal decarbonization plans, energy upgrades on Unity Park.

**How pursue new priority of outreach & education with practical energy & cost-saving ideas for residents, commercial entities 4:45-5:15 PM**

- Sally will share ideas learned from 2 webinars on effective climate communications and ways to encourage impactful actions.
- Discuss ways to reach people, such as by:
  - Social media
  - Videos
  - Press releases, articles, some featuring local residents taking steps
  - Encouraging collective action
  - Select board presentations
  - Inviting guest speakers to MEC Zooms, such as Franklin Tech. and Greenfield Community College energy students and other energy experts to MEC meetings and promoting meetings
  - Partner with town, organizations on programs such as Winsert Community Build (next one Sat., June 13, 9am-1pm)
  - Other ideas?
- Potential topics to focus on:
  - Mass Save/Community Action program, rebates
  - Simple, low-cost DIY projects like: installing door sweeps, installing weatherstripping in doors & windows, using replaceable cord caulk to seal window air leaks.
  - Others?

## **Discussion on becoming a Climate Leader Community 5:15- 5:25 PM**

Discussion regarding Specialized Stretch Code.

- How sort out conflicting perspectives on Specialized Code?
  - Spray foam insulation has high total Global Warming Impact.
    - Report on discussion with building expert. (Ray & Sally)
  - Reach out to local builders about their practices, how they meet Stretch Code, would meet Specialized Stretch Code, concerns, questions they have?
    - Brief report on conversation with local builder. (Sally)
    - Discuss ideas re educating builders about Specialized Code

## **Approve March. 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes. 5:25-5:30 PM**

### **State & federal level energy-related policies & legislation updates 5:30-5:35 PM.**

- Updates on climate legislation, including climate bank and Mass Save funding.

### **Energy Related Town Facility Updates, including Schools. 5:35-5:45PM**

- Briefly discuss planning process for Farren site development and potential MEC input.
- Further discussion on the possibility of putting PV panels on the roof of the DPW, the Public Safety Complex, & new ideas re airport solar, backup storage, 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.

### **Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting. 5:45-5:50 PM**

### **Announcements (no discussion). 5:50-5:53 PM**

### **Plan agenda for next meeting. 5:54-6 PM**