

Minutes from Montague Energy Committee

March 26, 2013

Present: Chris Mason, Pam Hanold, Rich Adams, Sally Pick

Absent: Susan Conger, Tim Van Egmond, Jason Burbank

Minutes from 3/12/13 approved.

Open Meeting Law:

- * Sally will ask Walter how to get the minutes posted on the town energy committee website.
 - * Suggestion to have motions that are made at meetings placed at bottom of minutes for ease of finding them.
- * Open Meeting Law was discussed and clarified.

Follow-up reports:

Montague Center Library weatherization:

- * Rich left a message for Chris Pletcher, who contacted Tim.
- * Chris Pletcher replied to Tim that he will try to schedule weatherizing the week of April 8th.
- * Request to Tim to let committee know when this is scheduled.

Update on ESCO and Safety Complex Efficiency projects:

- * Chris will check with Walter about follow-up on ESCO performance.

Solarize Montague remaining budget spending process:

- * Sally reported that we can spend the money without going to the Selectboard by working with Walter for approval and authorization. Discussion on ideas for spending budget included: a brochure highlighting solar efficiency with additional info on energy efficiency; purchasing some eye-catching solar table display; or something useful for the town. Bring specific ideas to the next meeting for discussion.

Rotate responsibility for taking minutes and agenda:

- * Will now have one person taking minutes and a second taking down future agenda items at meetings.
- * Put reminder in minutes to send approved minutes to town contact for uploading on website.
- * Send agenda to town for posting and for uploading online (likely two contacts).
- * Two people will be responsible for both handling agenda and minutes for 3 month periods.
 - > Chris and Rich will be first minute/agenda team. Sally will draft current minutes.

Report on Climate, Cities, and Behavior Symposium

- * Chris attended 3 day meeting of sustainability directors from around the U.S.
- * Passed out report that he wrote about symposium.
- * Andrew Zolli spoke on:
 - * Focus on behavior, social change.

- * Behavior changes come from when peers change behaviors, NOT fear. Don't talk about climate change--not motivating.
- * Need messages from peers, target audiences.
- * Focus on motivations, not information.
- * Resiliency related to multiple networks that are interconnected. Networks don't have to be related to topic. People who can access resources across networks, up and down hierarchies add most resilience. Identify them before emergencies and engage organizations and networks in our work deliberately.
- * Competitions for energy efficiency will strengthen community and make it more resilient for crises.
- * Info will be at Garrison Institute website.
- * Chris also recommends reading David Gershon's book, Social Change 2.0.
- * See Chris's notes for more information.

Municipal Energy Reporting Bill

- * Bill asking that MA pass legislation requiring utilities to provide towns with detailed reporting about energy use by town and average energy use per residential customer, etc.
- * Important to track energy use, efficiency being adopted, to show what is effective for lowering energy use.
- * If we support the bill, Chris will ask at next energy coalition FRCOG meeting to find out what we can do to do so.
- * Will discuss in more detail at next meeting.

How to Report to Town Residents on Results of Energy Efficiency

- * Tabled.

Motions:

None.