

Minutes Montague Energy Committtee Meeting June 2, 2015, Downstairs Meeting Room

Present – Richard Adams, Pam Hanold, Sally Pick, Jeff Singleton, Tim Van Egmond.

Designate facilitator, scribe, action item checker: Chris, facilitator, Tim taking minutes, Richard action item checker.

Minutes from May 19, 2015 meeting: minutes were approved.

MEC members will look for minutes from 5/12 meeting, send to Anne Clark when approved.

Town Energy Issues

Sheffield School Boiler - Chris met with Joanne Blier, Frank & Walter. Agreed to apply for Owner's Agent grant through Walter for technical assistance from Dept. of Energy Resources, for energy audit. Walter will apply by June 22 deadline.

Walter working on Scope of Services for an energy audit, looking at energy efficiency, boiler replacement, and back-up heat in short term. Walter will seek engineer to have lined up for when the grant is approved.

Shea Theater

Bart contracted by Town to make HVAC specifications to go to contractors. Work needs to be finished in order to apply for next Green Communities grant. 5-8 months is length of time for work.

Action Item – one more item that should go into Scope of Services is source of temporary back-up boiler and its cost.

Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline

Chris referred to public comment to DPU by MEC opposing precedent agreement between Berkshire Gas Co. and DPU. Felt letter should be distributed as widely as possible (forward to Senators and Congressman, Reporter, Recorder, Board of Selectmen, Mass Plan and No Fracked Gas).

Jeff said DPU and FERC process doesn't address broader energy issues. Public comment that was to FERC said its criteria on record is 15 years old.

Next steps:

- Jeff was tasked with presenting the MEC position on the DPU Precedent Agreement at the DPU hearing at the Greenfield Middle School on June 11.
- Do we want to make a statement to FERC, support someone else's statement?
- Thank Gov. Baker for being opposed to this pipeline, find quotes, hold him to them?

Sally reported on FRCOG's Interstate Pipeline Forum for local officials that she and Jeff attended. Discussed Community Benefits Agreement.

Action Item: Pam will find out how we go about contacting town Prudential Committees around Water, Light, and Fire.

Senior Center

Jeff said Select Board put on next steps to meet with Capitol Improvements Committee and prioritize building needs.

Chris asked if someone should say to Select Board that MEC would like to be informed early in process of any new building projects. Much better than shoehorning in late in process. Pam said she'd see if she can attend CIC meeting, get on agenda.

Report on MassSave and EEAC 3-year plan

Richard said he hadn't gotten into this deeply enough yet to report.

Update on FRCOG outreach/marketing RFP.

No new information.

FRTA, other public transportation

Jeff reported that on June 18 FRTA & PVFS buses will be free (part of national event, "Dump the Pump.")

Agenda for next meeting: Chris will compile agenda and submit at end of week.