

Minutes Montague Energy Committtee Meeting August 11, 2015, Downstairs Meeting Room

Present – Pam Hanold, Chris Mason, Sally Pick, Jeff Singleton, and Tim Van Egmond.

Designate facilitator, scribe: Chris, facilitator, Tim taking minutes.

MEC administrative issues: Jeff will submit agenda to Town.

K-M Pipeline

Written comment to Energy Facilities Siting Board

Discussion of language in comment, finalizing draft.

Discuss endorsing statement to FERC.

Pam said according to Lee Youngblood, Director of Mt. Grace Land Trust, priority is to raise all possible points to bring to FERC. After comment period, FERC won't consider things that haven't been submitted.

Argument discussed that if pipeline comes through, town funds will have to be allocated to safety training, equipment, etc. This would detract from funding available for energy measures.

Jeff questioned Pam's proposed comment to FERC mainly because he does not think the pipeline will in fact have a significant impact on the town's finances or its ability to implement green policies. He still believes we should support the Lunenburg comment questioning the FERC criteria for evaluating the pipeline and its impact as outdated.

Those present agreed on revised language for the end of the first paragraph in the statement. Jeff will send the final draft to FERC.

Minutes from July 15, 2015 meeting amended and approved.

Minutes from July 21, 2015 meeting: Sally will sent them out to MEC for review.

Update on FRCOG outreach/marketing RFP.

Chris reported that Tem Blessed has come on board at Coop Power to oversee this. Moving forward, first meeting will be Aug. 26. Chris will be attending. Sally unable to attend, Chris will ask Rich if he can attend.

Chris will ask Tem for more information about his role, purpose of focus groups, etc. to bring to next MEC meeting for input. Let him know about situation with interim Assessor Doug McIntyre, re: getting information from Assessor's data base.

Town Energy Issues

Sheffield School Boiler – Sally & Chris & Joanne Blier reported to Select Board re: timing on availability of grants, asked for suggestions. Rich Kuklewicz suggested School shouldn't wait for audit in order to identify options for back-up boiler. They should check with the people who maintain their boilers, as well as put out feelers.

Chris will call the school district to see if they had contacted their boiler service about options as suggested by Rich K.

Shea Theater

Rich Kuklewicz also suggested putting a tent on roof to extend time when they can do work, also check what it would mean to work in winter. Also to put in temporary heating while doing work.

Jeff will call Walter to expedite Shea roofing & HVAC, and check on MSBA work. Also has Bart Bales gotten scope of work material to him.

Tech School – Sally won't invite new Tech School rep yet. To be discussed at next meeting.

Montague Center Library Mold Problem

Pam will check in with Linda on Montague Center Library mold problem.

FRTA: Jeff asked that the option of a public hearing on Montague Route Changes be considered at the next meeting of the FRTA.

Agenda for next meeting: Sally will send to Jeff to submit.