

Montague Energy Committee

September 15, 2015 6:15-8:15 PM

Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room

Present: Chris Mason, Sally Pick, Pam Hanold, Tim Van Egmond.

Approve minutes 9/1/15

Approved with change of name of person at Coop Power leading FRCOG outreach projects from Tom to Tem and correct spelling of Shea Theater.

Designate facilitator and scribe: Chris facilitated, Sally took minutes.

Update on FRCOG outreach/marketing RFP

No news.

Town energy issues:

Sheffield boiler/burner - update/next steps

Warrant for Town Meeting:

- School initially put in to warrant for \$15,000 or whatever amount necessary to repair or replace their boiler.
- Chris spoke with Joanne Blier about warrant and conversations that the school has had with contractors in the past about various heating options.
 - Chris spoke with Carolyn recommending, based on his conversation with Joanne, that the school warrant be for up to \$40,000 (school has additional funds that would go toward temporary heating system). This recommendation will be discussed at the joint FinCom meeting with the Board of Selectmen on September 16.
 - If school installs a new boiler and then replaces the heating systems with a different kind, the new boiler could be used in the administrative section of the school.
 - Chris will email John Hanold of FinCom stating that the school aims to spend the least amount of money to ensure that the school has a backup boiler for reliable heating. This is not an ultimate fix.

Shea Theater Boiler Upgrade –update/next steps

- Sally will email Walter to check with him about where the process is and remind him that Shea is higher priority than Sheffield, assuming Sheffield gets funding for temporary heating fix.

Montague Center Library mold problem

Linda Hickman not available for several weeks.

Invite tech school rep(s)

- Sally will email tech school business manager to touch base about having him attend a MEC meeting to discuss potential collaborations.

New town Issues to address

N/A.

K-M pipeline**Update on DPU/FERC Process**

- Chris awaiting draft letter from Jeff.
- Comment period has been extended until October 16th.
 - Committee should review letter from Jeff dated 8/31 and send comments directly to Jeff.

Scoping Statement

No update.

Access Northeast Proposal

No update.

FRTA

No report.

Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting**LED Street Lighting on Avenue A**

- Discussion re question that was asked of a MEC member regarding new LED street light design.
 - Ask Tom Bergeron and Walter if MEC could review LED specs and have an open meeting where public invited. (Pam will do contact them.)

Planning board will be discussing changing zoning regulations to allow solar arrays in business district related to a request from Robert Daddario of Park Villa Apartments.

Will add to next meeting's agenda.

Plan agenda for next meeting.**Votes may be taken**