

Montague Energy Committee

Minutes 2-16-16

Present: Chris Mason, Pam Hanold, Sally Pick, Tim Van Edgmond Jeff Singleton

Amended minutes of 2-2-16 approved 4-0-1. Pam Hanold abstains.

The meeting came to order at 6:15

#### FRCOG Outreach and marketing.

“Nothing new “ on this topic. Sally notes that Coop Power has scheduled a workshop on the same day as another energy event.

#### Parks and Rec Building

Sally sent an email to John Dobosz encouraging him to call Eversource re the Mass Save program. She has not heard back. Chris wondered if Eversource has a municipal representative. National Grid does. A connection with the Tech School re Parks and Rec building is on Sally' list. There was also discussion of talking to Tom Bergeron re a Seimans audit but the committee concluded “that probably will not work.”

#### Sheffield Energy Audit/META Grant

Chris has distributed the documents needed to procure a consultant for the Sheffield audit funded by the META grant. The majority of the committee believed it would be a “slippery slope” if the MEC did most of the work to procure a consultant. Jeff dissented not so much against the slippery slope theory but because of the need to get the procurement process going ASAP.

Jeff agreed to approach the school district to take the lead in procurement, but also agreed to contact Walter Ramsey and Frank Abbondanzio first to get their OK. It was also noted that the final docs would have to be run through Walter, since his name and the town of Montague are on the META grant.

#### Shea Theater/Green Communities Grant

Jeff still needs to contact Walter and Josh Goldman to find out what the status of the procurement process for HVAC and other work at the Shea. No one responded to the previous bid in September. Walter had said they needed to change the scope of work and rebid. The work is to be funded by a Green Communities grant that needs to be expended before the town can apply for another one.

There was some discussion of the role of the new Shea board in the process.

#### Carnegie Library Building

There was some discussion of the mold problem and roof leakage at the Carnegie Library. Chris stated that mold was not an MEC issue, but Sally noted that insulation, an energy committee issue, may be a question when the roof is fixed. Pam said she would check with Linda Hickman about her discussions with the Capital Improvements Committee on work to be done.

Chris said he would contact Walter to request that the MEC be informed about work being proposed for town buildings.

#### Municipal Aggregation

There was discussion of the Municipal Aggregation program being pursued by the town with Hampshire Council of Governments and Colonial Power. MEC members wanted to know if there were options that encouraged green energy.

#### Tree Planting (PLEASE CHECK)

David Detmold has been supporting an increased budget for tree planting. Currently tree planting is funded through a revolving fund containing donations from funerals?? Sally stated that at the last meeting the MEC passed a letter of support which went to David. Sally will check with David on the status of the tree budget which goes before the Finance Committee.

### Franklin County Green Town

Sally said she has been working with Nance Hazard on a program whereby each month a town would choose a "Green" site or two for "green" tours. The goal is to "keep it simple." Several towns have already signed up. She asked if anyone was interested in showing their house in Montague. Sally said she would do it but does not want to be the only one. She also noted that someone could be a "Green Hero" and that there could be articles in the Reporter and Recorder. Paul Lipke and Paul Violand, and Becky Hollingsworth were mentioned as potential heroes.

MEC members discussed a policy of limiting MEC meeting to an hour and a half whenever possible.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45!