

Montague Energy Committee

Minutes 4-5-16

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

The meeting came to order at 6:15

Chris volunteered as facilitator, Tim as scribe.

Minutes of 2-16-16 as edited by Sally approved.

Minutes of 3-29-16 approved.

FRCOG Outreach and marketing.

Sally reported on April 21 event for landlords at Terrazo Restaurant at Greenfield Country Club. She asked Erik Hofner at Coop Power how he will be following up on letter he's sending out to Franklin County landlords on list he compiled.

Also Sally reported on Winsert Workshop Thurs. April 7 at Millers Falls Library.

Parks and Rec Building

No update.

Sheffield Ashrae Audit/Meta Grant

Jason emailed today that he send email to Jim Huber this afternoon regarding an update and to offer his help.

Shea Theater/Green Communities Grant

\$50,000.00 will go before Town Meeting to add to Green Communities grant. If comes through, town will rebid at that higher figure.

Carnegie Library Building

Pam reported that Linda Hickman has added insulation to the request for re-roofing the bumpouts. CIC person recommended she make 5 year plan for current building. Gina McNeely recommended that no employees work in basement, so full time workers have been moved to first floor. Also arranged for air quality inspector visit, who had major concerns about HVAC system (furnace/CO2, hole in pipe, furnace filter, vent blocked off). Chris talked about possibility of central air source heat pump to replace old furnace to address issues, improve energy efficiency.

Informing Energy Committee re Town structural & infrastructure procurement work.

No update, Chris will follow up.

Municipal Aggregation

Richard reported on conversation with AnnRenné LaRouche. Changing to power with certain renewable portfolio will change all users in town to new rate, unless opt-out.

Action item – Richard will talk with Walter find out who point person from Town is on this, and what plan is.

Chris recommended we then meet with someone from Colonial Power.

Tree Planting

David Detmold said he'll try again next year.

Franklin County Green Tour

No update.

Net Metering Letter

Letter was sent to all members of conference committee, response received from Senator Tarr's office so far.

K-M Pipeline Update, including Jeff Singleton's written testimony to DPU (update on 3/31 hearing).

Jeff reported that he had good response from audience.

Discussion on Jeff's Draft "Montague Energy Committee Survey Comment." MEC members will read and send Jeff their comments and edits.

Discuss item before Planning Board re: changes needed to permit solar panels in Business District.

Action item: Jeff will send to MEC members the proposed bylaw change on Town Meeting Warrant.

Plan agenda for next meeting

The meeting adjourned at 7:45!

Action items:

Chris will follow up on Town keeping MEC informed on structural and infrastructure procurement.

Richard will talk with Walter find out who point person from Town is on Municipal Aggregation, and what the plan is.

Jeff will send to MEC members the proposed bylaw change on Town Meeting Warrant.