

Montague Energy Committee Meeting July 17, 2017

Present : Tim Van Egmond, Chris Mason, Ariel Elan, Pam Hanold, Jason Burbank

Approved minutes of May 10, 2017, with two abstentions.

Follow-up on Feb. discussion with Steve Ellis:

Chris read July 13 email update from Steve Ellis re: U. Mass Clean Energy Extension's energy asset mapping.

Also read re: green light for solar array, working on Town's agreement on how much power it will be buying at 85% of Eversource rate.

DPW building: Jason reported that the cost of capping the burn dump is more than planned for, so the building is on hold. Sally not present to report on rebate programs for solar hot water.

Chris recommended that a Town Meeting warrant be passed that if a new building is planned, the town must take its life cycle cost into consideration.

Action Item: Jason will draft a policy statement on the Town adopting this practice.

Cars for Police Dept.: Decided to take this off the agenda.

Carbon Tax: Sally reported about 2 bills in state Legislature. Chris read report from state's Listening Tour. Carbon fee and rebate came up at each forum. Discussion of what might impede this.

Action Item: Sally will send an email reminder to Chris to forward the Northampton Carbon Fee resolution in favor of Carbon tax to the Energy Committee.

All MEC members will review and make recommendations on what to adopt or exclude for a Montague resolution.

Ariel reported that Walter is on the email list for notification when FRCOG starts a round of Technical Assistance grants. She thought current one is for sustainability, flood preparedness.