

Montague Energy Committee Meeting April 3, 2018

Present: Chris Mason (facilitator), Jason Burbank, Pam Hanold, Sally Pick, Tim Van Egmond (scribe), Ariel Elan.

Chris moved to approve minutes from March 27 meeting as amended. Jason seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion of new DPW building that passed Town Meeting, advisability of solar hot water. Pam recommended MEC submit letter that we support project and will be advising on energy-related issues. Jason reported from Planning Committee meeting that they discussed what kind of outreach they need to do to address concerns raised about cost, size of building, lost opportunities if new DPW not built. Pam and Ariel clarified that the building hasn't gotten final approval yet: a Town vote will be taken in May.

* Action Item: Pam and Jason will draft letter to say we have member on Planning Committee, have been in contact, and will work to mitigate 30-year cost of building through energy efficiency. Sally and Ariel are willing to edit.

Town Buildings and Energy Infrastructure

Sally reported on her draft of Top Priorities and Recommendations for Town Energy Projects that she pulled from Energy/Infrastructure Assessment Report. She bolded the Tasks that she thought the Town could do in-house.

Next steps – Chris speculated about our doing site visits, talk to Jim Huber about recommendations for school, submit list to DPW that they can do soonest, bring list also to CIC, bring resources to efforts. Compile a folder for each building.

Priorities mentioned – Town Hall (with someone from DPW), Sheffield School. Jason will check with Tom Bergeron on when he could be available to for Town Hall site visit, including attic and basement.

Committee looked at question of using polyurethane spray foam insulation that was recommended for Shea Roof. Sally reported that Building Green, a reputable online building magazine raised concerns about the large global warming impact of some of these polyurethane spray foams depending the blowing agent used.

Chris recommended that anyone who finds more information about this send it to Ariel to bring with her to the CIC meeting.

All other agenda items tabled until next meeting.

*** Plan agenda for next meeting**

Action Item: Tim will put out the Agenda for May 1.