

Montague Energy Committee
Town Hall-1st Floor Meeting Room
Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 6:15-7:45 PM

Present: Tim Van Egmond, Pam Hanold, Sally Pick, Jason Burbank, Ariel Elan.

Facilitator & Scribe: Tim facilitating, Sally scribing

Approve minutes from 7/3/18: Approved as revised.

Recommending a lifecycle analysis policy & solar-ready roofs for new buildings:
Jason reported that lifecycle analysis is already required by law for public and municipal construction for building and energy systems.

Committee discussed the idea of trying to pass something either with select board or Town Meeting regarding a recommendation with general intent, such as:
any new building plan must include a complete discussion of the results of the lifecycle analysis as defined by MA General laws and encourage the design of solar-ready roofs.

Feedback/peer review requested by Planning Board for proposed amendments to Montague's solar bylaws

Sally raised questions about the maximum panel surface areas proposed, by district, some being too small to meet a meaningful amount of use. MEC agreed that we'd like to discuss the proposed changes with Walter at a future meeting.

Outdoor lighting upgrades to LED

Sally reported that Chris wrote META grant for the Turners Falls Fire District street lighting.

Town buildings & energy infrastructure, including Sally's list of town energy projects: tabled.

DPW building

Ariel drafted META grant text for passive energy features only because criteria for new buildings at the Town's current stage of planning only allows for up to \$5,000 for such features.

Ariel raised the question of asking UMass Clean Energy Extension if they could help with design of renewables and efficiency for the DPW building. Sally recommended waiting to see if the META grant gets approved before contacting them.

Schools' oil tank replacements

Sally reported that Chris drafted an outline for META grant for studying options for the Sheffield and Hillcrest heating systems. Joanne Blier from Gill-Montague Regional School District worked with Walter and submitted it on behalf of the GMRSD. Sally did some final edits. Joanne had not heard back about the grant as of yesterday.

Report on last CIC meeting: No meeting has occurred.

Report from Pam Hanold about workshop on future vulnerabilities planning for Montague: tabled.

Discuss future directions, priorities of committee, building membership-- including scheduling meeting with Peter Wingate of Community Action: tabled.

Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

Action Items:

- * Sally will invite Walter to discuss changes to solar bylaws and will ask him what he recommends for making a statement on lifecycle analysis and solar-ready roofs.
- * Ariel will send revised 7/3/18 minutes to planning clerk.
- * All MEC members should review proposed solar bylaw changes in preparation for meeting to discuss this with Walter.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 4th, 6:15pm, depending on Walter's availability to meet with us.