

## **Montague Energy Committee Meeting Jan. 16, 2018**

Present: Chris Mason (facilitator), , Pam Hanold, Tim Van Egmond, Ariel Elan (scribe)  
Steve Ellis, John Hanold present.

### **Municipal Energy Aggregation**

Steve reported on Bob Dean from FRCOG's role, step of RFP hiring consultant to manage project. Idea of appointing MEC member to advisory group.

Steve's questions – what does it take to ensure goals are met in an appropriate manner? Expertise, staff time. Research, maybe influence RFP. Intent to enter in with open eyes.

How affordable, how green, staff time dealing with community concerns, businesses. Sally asked if it would be really worth our time if it doesn't help our mission to make Montague greener?

Chris said Greenfield is buying Class I RECs, above renewable portfolio, also buying local SRECs also, price very comparable to Eversource. Not less expensive, but greener. Peregrine energy said ask aggregator for communication with public.

Steve: MEC member may want to meet with Bob Dean of FRCOG, clarify what the goal is, also whether this would be collaborative or individuals simply pooling to get economy of scale. Chris said letter indicates each town would sign a separate contract, rather than towns forming a compact that signs one contract.

Possibility of lesser commitment at outset, MEC member audit meetings.

Steve's sense that this might be a distraction from important actions, not receiving a lot of desire from the community for it. Steve will put in Administrator's Report to Select Board that he had this conversation with MEC, sense that benefit not clear, will call Bob Dean to inform. If something good does materialize, town probably could jump in.

### **\* Discuss carbon fee & rebate resolution from Town, other MA climate legislation.**

Chris checked with Steve about best course. Steve recommended sending resolution to Wendy Bogusz to put on Select Board's agenda, come to meeting prepared to explain in 5 to 7 minutes.

#### **\* Chart of Town facilities & which town entity controls their energy use.**

Jeremy didn't show up as expected, Steve emailed him, will be invited to future meeting.

--All MEC members please study the report if you haven't already and come to the presentation with our questions!

- It would be good to come away from meeting with a few priorities identified.

#### **• Proposed Solar Installation at Water Pollution Control Facility.**

Steve passed out information.

#### **\* Discuss meeting date February.**

--Next MEC meeting is Feb. 6, 2018.

#### **\* Recommending a lifecycle energy analysis policy and solar-ready roofs for new**

**buildings.**

On 8.15.17, Jason sent out a link to a web page that may have recommendations on these subjects.  
Approving minutes from last meeting was tabled until next meeting.

**\* How to compile a clear and specific record of what turned out to be positive about the geothermal system at the Public Safety Complex; what turned out to be unsatisfying to some users; what measures have been taken to address any deficits; how have those measures worked out; what measures still could be taken to help this system be widely viewed as a success.**

Tabled until next meeting.

**\* Discuss future directions, priorities of committee, building membership.**

No action at this meeting.

**\* Plan agenda for next meeting**

**Action Item:** Jason will put out the Agenda for jFebruary 6.

**\* Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.**

No topics were discussed.