

Montague Energy Committee Town Hall-1st Floor Meeting Room
Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019, 6:15-7:45 PM

Present: Tim Van Egmond, Sally Pick, Jason Burbank, Ariel Elan, Chris Mason, Pam Hanold.
Facilitator & Scribe: Chris facilitating, Tim scribing. Klon (John) Koehler visiting as guest.

Outdoor lighting upgrades to LED: Meeting date was changed to Feb. 11 at 5:15 PM. Chris reported that it's moving forward, FRCOG has been consulted on how to put out RFQ, Chris is going to add required qualifications to the scope of work, the Turners Falls Fire District will take the lead for all districts.

Hybrid Police Cruiser: Inquiry from Chief Chris Williams since Ford offering a hybrid SUV cruiser now. Chris said he passed on to chief that Ford web site has calculator to figure savings based on different variables. Sally will follow up with chief to make sure he has information he needs.

Status of adjustments to Montague's solar bylaws: limits still by square feet, rather than kilowatts as MEC advised. Special permit required if exceeding 150 sq. feet for RS-1, 500 sq. feet for RS-2. Possibility of presentation to Town Meeting. Chris will talk with Walter about how the trigger is set for pretty small systems. Will the extra hoops slow down adoption of solar? Town Meeting will be Feb. 19, perhaps the figures can be changed with warrant in a future Town Meeting.

Review CIC Shea Theater new roof items to prepare for special town meeting: Pam expressed concern that ductwork and piping are on top of roof, when moving them inside would be more efficient. The committee agreed that putting them inside the building envelope would be important. Also, the Committee agrees the insulation of the roof should be rated at least R38.

DPW Building: Ariel and Jason agree that Energy Consultant has missed deadlines and is not attentive to Montague. Ariel will forward to everyone the draft from him that left out numbers.

Schools' oil tank replacements: Chris called Steve, sense that we are not in a big rush. Steve felt idea of putting biomass plant up there would not fly. Steve said we should be aiming to give solid direction to town by late summer so town could act by December. Ariel said installer she contacted advised getting engineer right away in order to have installer ready to build in 2020. Installer cautioned that it's best to have engineer design system we want before engaging installer. Ariel will send to Chris the information that she has, in preparation for the two of them talking to Joanne Blier.

Approving minutes from Jan. 8 meeting: motion passed unanimously.

We talked about Community Action needing help advertising their free weatherization services.

Action Items:

Chris is going to add required qualifications to the scope of work for Outdoor lighting upgrades to LED.

Sally will follow up with Chief to make sure he has information he needs about hybrid cruiser.

Ariel will forward to everyone the draft from the Energy Consultant for the DPW Building.

Ariel will send to Chris information that she has, in preparation for the two of them talking to Joanne Blier.

Sally will send agenda for next meeting in for posting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 6:15 pm.