

Montague Energy Committee

By Zoom, 4:15-5:45 PM

Present: Chris Mason, Sally Pick, Ariel Elan, Pam Hanold, Tim Van Egmond, Jason Burbank. Steve Ellis facilitated Zoom call.

Chris facilitating; Sally taking minutes.

Approve minutes from October 1, 2020. Approved.

Vote Resolution Authorizing Massachusetts C-PACE (vote)

- Ariel read comments that she received, at her request from lawyer, Richard Kanoff, who represented Town of Montague to Dept. of Public Utilities in two Berkshire Gas cases. She sent him memo that she sent to MEC Oct. 1, 2020 stating her concerns about the potential for C-PACE to encourage natural gas use.
 - He recommends that select board do further research and not approve of C-PACE at this time.
- Steve: Town would be protected from all liens in program.
- Vote on supporting resolution to authorize C-PACE in Montague: Ariel: No, Pam: No, Chris: Yes, Sally: Yes, Jason: Yes, Tim: No.
- Steve: MEC could join next select board meeting probably starting at 6:30pm Monday, Oct. 19, to present both perspectives on C-PACE and address mechanics of process. Chris and Ariel will represent different perspectives.

Members volunteer to review status of pre-Covid MEC projects:

- **Renewable energy heating system for Sheffield/Hillcrest school buildings** (Ariel)
- **Outdoor lighting upgrades to LEDs** (Chris)
- **Status of adjustments to solar bylaws** (Sally)
- **DPW Building** (Jason)

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Input to MA legislature's climate conference committee (initial discussion): Sally will draft a letter for MEC to discuss at our next meeting, to consider asking select board to sign and submit to climate conference committee.

Announcements (no discussion)

Plan agenda for next meeting

Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Votes may be taken.

Action items:

- Sally will draft a letter to MA legislative climate conference committee for discussion at next MEC meeting.
- Chris will send agenda.
- Tim will poll committee re when to meet in November.
- Members identified in parentheses above will follow up on agenda items from March.
- Ariel and Chris will attend next select board meeting to share varied perspectives of MEC on C-PACE program.

Next meeting: November 2020, date TBD.