

Minutes MEC Meeting June 24, 2014

Present – Members, Pam Hanold, Chris Mason, Sally Pick, Jeff Singleton, Tim Van Egmond.

1. Welcome to Jeff Singleton as new member
2. Minutes – 4/22 and 5/13 not yet available to approve. Minutes for 5/27 approved.
3. Transportation, FRTA routes – Jeff Singleton spoke about the MEC helping with ideas to increase ridership. He passed out draft letter to FRTA and COG saying MEC would like to meet with them, possibly along with other energy committees and town officials. Concern that a focus on “current ridership will not encourage expanded use of public transportation.” Chris spoke of wanting to open a conversation and have a place at the table.

Vote approved that Jeff will complete draft letter based on suggestions from this meeting. He will send it to MEC, members will respond individually with detailed editing. Jeff will then complete the draft and circulate it.

4. FRCOG Strategic Planning Implementation Grant – Chris gave update on \$30,000 grant for consultant strategizing solar array that people can own a piece of, another consultant to help 4 communities do outreach and mobilization for landlords and tenants on energy efficiency. Money has been earmarked for FRCOG, but Mass CEC hasn't approved proposal yet.
5. DOER Resiliency Grant – Chris will talk with Town Planner about feasibility of Town applying for technical analysis.
6. Sheffield School - Pam said School Supt. Michael Sullivan, Bus. Mgr., 2 or 3 Sch. Committee members can meet with MEC at our Aug. 12 meeting.
7. Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline – Sally had revised draft letter. Discussion and suggestions for further revision.
8. Agenda for next meeting.