

## **Montague Energy Committee**

February 2, 2016 6:15-8:15 PM

Town Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room

**Present:** Sally Pick, Chris Mason, Tim Van Egmond, Richard Adams, Jeff Singleton.

**Designate facilitator and scribe:** Chris facilitated, Tim took minutes.

**Approved minutes 1/19/16 meeting.**

### **Update on FRCOG outreach/marketing RFP**

Richard reported on meeting, upcoming draft of promotion materials, discussion of language to remove stigma of "low-income," present in attractive way.

Discussion of Landlord's Association meetings as possible place to get the word out about energy efficiency programs.

### **Town energy issues:**

**Parks & Rec. Building** Sally will check with John Dobosz if he's acted on recommendations.

### **Sheffield School boiler/burner - update/next steps**

Jeff has tried to encourage Walter to act on this (audit), and to work with him. Jeff got the paperwork, contract, couldn't figure out what to recommend to Walter on procurement. Called Bob Dean at FRCOG, is waiting for reply. Showed contract to Frank A., who said there may be list of contractors to remove need to put out for bid.

Chris said state contract with energy auditors, PRF 62 hasn't been made available yet. Will send letter to person in charge.

Jeff added that windows have been put out to bid, date of completion set for this summer.

Chris read email that repairs have been completed, school now has two operating boilers.

Richard asked if audit would include air sealing.

Vote moved, seconded and passed for Chris to send letter to Charles Tuttle at DOER to ask that he make PRF 62 active and available.

### **Shea Theater Boiler Upgrade –update/next steps**

Jeff will check with Walter and Josh Goldman to see status of Green Communities Grant work.

### **Montague Center Library mold problem**

Chris will email Pam Hanold to check with Linda Hickman about results of meeting with CIC on Libraries mold/leak issues.

### **Additional building issues**

Richard raised question that MEC be informed about work being procured on town facilities or infrastructure. MEC may have questions or recommendations about potential energy efficiency measures. Chris will bring this up with Walter.

### **Municipal Aggregation**

Chris reported on meeting in Northampton with Peregrine Power. Has brought program in Cambridge, savings on electricity passed back to town for energy programs. Jeff said town in process of contracting with Colonial Power.

### **Funding for Tree Planting**

Sally read letter of MEC support she proposed to send to David Detmold for FinCom meeting.

Vote moved, seconded and carried

### **K-M pipeline**

Jeff reported that town have been given intervenor status before DPU.

Sally reported on idea of renewing Green Buildings Tour in Franklin County. Also adopting Greenfield's Green Hero of the Month featured in Recorder.

### **Discuss item before Planning Board re changes needed to permit solar panels in Business District**

Jeff mentioned that there will be something going before the Town Meeting.

### **Action Items:**

- Sally will check with John Dobosz if he's acted on recommendations.
- Chris will send Montague version of Northampton letter to Charles Tuttle at DOER make PRF 62 Contract active and available.
- Jeff will check with Walter and Josh Goldman to see status of Green Communities Grant work on Shea Theater.
- Chris will email Pam Hanold to check with Linda Hickman about results of meeting with CIC on Libraries mold/leak issues.
- Chris will ask Walter that MEC be informed about work being procured on town facilities or infrastructure.
- Jeff is going to check with Walter to see where we are with Colonial Power on municipal aggregation.
- Sally will draft letter to State Legislature Conference Committee about Net Metering,

Carbon pricing. She'll send it to the MEC members for their comments.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.**