

Minutes - Montague Energy Committee Meeting March 10, 2015, Downstairs Meeting Room

Present – Chris Mason, Sally Pick, Tim Van Egmond, Richard Adams, Pam Hanold, Jason Burbank.

Guests – Jim Huber, School Facilities/Energy Mgr. & Joanne Blier, School Business Manager, Fin. Coms' John Hanold observing, Bart Bales.

Designate facilitator, scribe, action item checker: Chris, facilitator, Tim taking minutes, no action item checker.

- Meeting with Jim Huber, School Facilities/Energy Mgr. & Joanne Blier re: Sheffield School, MSBA funded improvements.

#2 Boiler has been replaced, #2 Burner needs replacing, and #1 Boiler & Burner. Not on MSBA grant. Current boiler running on gas, has oil locked in for next season at \$2/gal.

Jim gave extensive presentation on Auditorium & Gym windows & door replacement (also replacing windows in connector to administration building); town cost will be about \$300,000, MSBA paying 76% of total cost.

Current windows date from 1930s, falling apart in some areas, considerable air infiltration.

Joanne left 7 PM after her part of discussion.

Jim left 8:10.

Bart Bales said re: boilers that steam is inherently inefficient. Question of fuel choice needs to be done with care, dual fuel not best way to go. Big efficiency gain going from high mass boiler to smaller boiler.

Tim moved that MEC support Window & Door replacement at Sheffield School through the MSBA grant program. Sally seconded. Approved.

Jim Hubert presented the general project to the Energy Committee. While there wasn't enough time to do a detailed specifications review for the windows, which we'll follow up on, the MEC found the proposal of using the MSBA grant to upgrade the windows and doors to be an excellent idea.

Jason will e-mail Jim Hubert to ask for some of the details of the specifications.

- Senior Center: Richard Adams said there will be meetings about the Senior Center on Weds. March 18 and Tues. March 24. Next MEC meeting was changed to Tues. March 31 to allow MEC members to attend other committee meetings on 3/24.

Energy Efficiency Outreach:

- MassCEC grant to FRCOG.

Chris said FRCOG has removed Community Solar aspect of their Mass. CEC grant and the MEC should proactively reach out to FRCOG on who to hire for the outreach to landlords for energy efficiency.

The Committee ran out of time before we could get to any of the other agenda items.

Agenda for next meeting: Chris will send to Deb and Anne Clark at town and MEC members.