

Montague Energy Committee

January 19, 2016 6:15-8:15 PM

Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room

Present: Sally Pick, Pam Hanold, Tim Van Egmond, Rich Adams, Jeff Singleton.

Guests: Linda Hickman, John Hanold.

Approved minutes 1/5/16.

Designate facilitator and scribe: Rich facilitated, Sally took minutes.

Letter re State Net Metering Legislation & Montague

Pam sent it to Steve Kulik and Stan Rosenberg; received a brief reply from Stan that he will share with staff and senators.

Update on FRCOG outreach/marketing RFP

Sally updated committee on meeting with Coop Power & FRCOG.

Reported that Coop Power has new person, Erik Hoffner, coordinating outreach project as of early December.

Town energy issues:

Update on Jon Dobosz of Parks & Rec ideas for making Utility Park Field House sustainable.

No report.

Sheffield boiler/burner - update/next steps

- Who in town is to head this up?
 - Think was supposed to be town administrator.
 - META money due to be spent by July ?.
 - Procurement process question not answered by Jim Barry.
 - Rich will check with Chris re procurement process for META grant.
 - Jeff reported that a couple of months ago, the school had not put out a bid for new windows.
 - META grant for full energy assessment?

Shea Theater Boiler Upgrade –update/next steps

- In process of reevaluating scope of project given limits of budget.
- Think that will need to focus on replacing a boiler.

Library mold problems

- Linda reported mold and dust allergy problems at **Carnegie**, especially for staff working in basement.
- Mold rampant at Carnegie; roofing membrane shot, re roofer.
- Moisture reading of north wall very high. Mildewy sheetrock. Moldy ventilation system, carpet.
- Tom Bergeron looking short term: dehumidifiers, replacing carpet.
- Roof: submitted for annual town meeting for roof replacement.

- Committee recommends including insulation as component of roofing project.
 - Replacing Carnegie bump out roofing.
 - MEC requested that Linda forward info on roofing, insulating to MEC.
- Seems to be no overall plan, schedule for monitoring, pro-active maintenance of all town buildings. Town has been discussing this idea of late. Tom requesting funds from Town Meeting for additional maintenance staff person.
 - Montague Center has leaking around chimney and needs some new slates and bricks.
 - Gina McNeeley, of Health Dept. will try to bring in state person to assess health issues at Carnegie.
 - Linda considering taking this to a special Town Meeting, possibly at the end of February.
 - Motion passed to support Linda bringing these concerns before selectboard, and, if possible, a member of MEC being there in audience at select board meeting as a resource person for Linda related to energy concerns.

Additional building issues

- **DPW:** architect has been chosen for design of new DPW office building, Weston and Sampson, in Boston.
 - Thinking building would be between Judd Wire and burn dump area where solar is being proposed.

Municipal Aggregation: No report.

New town Issues to address: None.

K-M pipeline

- FRCOG arguing that there is so much debate on energy need for natural gas from KM that FERC should be required evaluate this need.

Discuss item before Planning Board re changes needed to permit solar panels in Business District: tabled.

Action Items:

- Rich will call Chris to ask if there is an expedited list of pre-approved contractors for META grant.
- Jeff will call Jim Huber re where the new window process is at Sheffield School.
- Rich will send 1/5/16 minutes to Anne Clark, town planner administrator.

Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting

Plan agenda for next meeting

Votes may be taken