

Montague Energy Committee
Minutes
6-7-16
Scribe: Jeff Singleton

Present: Rich, Tim, Pam, Sally, Jeff Singleton

Meeting called to order at 6:20

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FRCOG Outreach and marketing (for the last time?)

Sally noted that “the program is done.” Pam said it was not clear how much we gained from the program. It was stated that 325 (people, landlords, tenants?) “showed interest in the program and 195 said they would “take action.”

TO DO Sally said she should contact Coop Power to get names in Montague.

Town energy issues

- Sheffield Energy Audit should be near completion **TO DO** Jeff will check status. Call Jim Huber.
- Shea Theater HVAC. Should be put out to bid with Montague TM appropriation supplementing Green Communities grant. Roof work and insulation? **TO DO** Jeff will check status. Call Walter.
- Library. Pam says as of last discussion with Linda Hickman they still have not heard from state. Is the mold problem solvable? State inspector concerned about “stuff” coming out of furnace duct. **TO DO** Pam will check with Linda.
- DPW Facility feasibility study. It was noted that the current state code is more stringent than when the police station was built. **TO DO** Rich will check with David Jensen. Pam noted that Police Chief Chip Dodge is not happy with the current geothermal system at the safety complex. It was noted that the town does not have a staff person to deal with the “controls.” The same problem may come up with the DPW facility. Sally said it would be good to consider orienting the roof for solar but Pam said the location may not be good for solar.
- Senior Center Montague is buying the current Senior Center Building. The town has not put money into energy efficiency there because the town did not own the building . Sally noted that we will have to add it to our Green Communities list/baseline.
- Once again it was noted that there needed to be someone on staff clearly in charge of building issues, including energy issues, and we may still need to ask Frank and/or Walter to inform us of any upcoming town building projects. Has this been done?

Municipal Aggregation

-Town has not signed contract with colonial power. Chris sent Frank info about Peregrine. Sally sent info about Good Energy.

Statement Re DPU Criteria re natural gas pipelines.

-We agreed that the MEC should still send the statement re DPU criteria to the DPU and other state and local officials since the issues raised are still relevant despite the cancellation of the NED project. **TO DO** Chris and Jeff will edit and send out the statement.

Solar Bylaw

Pam read the new solar bylaw passed at town meeting and there was a brief discussion.

Electric vehicles

Discussion of state policy re hookups to charge electric vehicles. The state requires towns to buy at least one plug-in electric vehicle to receive aid for this purpose. Pam said the police chief was interested in energy efficiency. This will be put on the MEC agenda for future discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42.