

# **MONTAGUE ENERGY & SOLAR PLANNING COMMITTEES JOINT MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday May 28, 2023, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM**

**Due to COVID-19 Public Participation will be by Zoom**

**Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85058218949?>

Meeting ID: 850 5821 8949, Passcode: Montague, Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (NY)

## **Votes May Be Taken**

**Designate facilitator and scribe 4:32 PM**

**Approve minutes from April 25, 2023 MEC meeting (vote) 4:35 PM**

**Community Planning For Solar with U. Mass. Clean Energy Ext. 4:40 PM**

**Helping Town Prioritize Energy-Saving Projects for Upcoming State & Federal Grants. 4:45 PM**

- Review energy project ideas compiled by MEC for Town in preparation for new funding sources, including ARPA monies already distributed to Town but not yet fully allocated, additional ARPA funds to be distributed to Towns by a MA bill, & federal Infrastructure & Inflation Reduction Act funds assigned to the state.
- Discuss where process is for exploring PV for Town Hall Annex, DPW and Safety Complex.

**Update on Proposed Green Communities Grant Projects. 5:05**

**Energy Related Facility Updates. 5:15 PM**

- Outdoor lighting upgrades to LED
- Elementary School ventilation – check-in w/ Heath Cummings: ventilation running all the time?
- Information on net zero & energy efficient techniques, including embodied carbon.
- Turners Falls Airport ground mounted PV proposal

**State & federal level energy-related policies & legislation updates. 5:25 PM**

- Discussion of Town opting into Specialized Net Zero Stretch Code
- Other legislation & policies, including Green Bank, Inflation Reduction Act updates.

**Gas companies' efforts to rebrand methane as clean and renewable: 5:35 PM**

**Possibility of transitioning to biodiesel for heating Town buildings using oil & for Town trucks that use diesel. 5:40 PM**

**Adding Missing approved minutes to the Town web site. 5:45 PM**

**Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting 5:50 PM**

**Announcements (no discussion) 5:55 PM**

**Plan agenda for next meeting. 5:58 PM**