

Monkton Energy Committee Meeting
Monkton Town Hall
September 16, 2015
Final Minutes

Members Present: Jay Frater, Lee Kauppila, Chris Skees, Ben Raphael, Nate Palmer and Pete Dufault

Others Present: None

Call to Order: Jay Frater called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM

Announcements: None

The meeting minutes follow the generally follow the agenda for the MEC meeting on this date, see the underlined topics below.

1. Minutes Review

The July minutes were reviewed at the start of the September meeting. Jay made a motion to accept the minutes with 2 minor edits and the motioned was seconded by Pete. (Note that no minutes from August were generated due to the presentation on Transportation).

2. Review alternative transportation

Transportation presentation was reviewed - the presentation took place in August by Nadine Canter Barnicle.

3. Municipal Solar Arrays

We are waiting on info from Peter Carouthers.

4. Town Energy Plan

Johnathan took the town Energy Plan and put it into 3 categories:

Energy Efficiency
Transportation Efficiency
Support/Encourage Renewable Energy

A lot of this has to do with setting goals and the % change that is targeted. Monkton may consider 25% renewables, and 90% renewables by 2050. We would have to use census data to collect info from the 5 town region. Questions were brought up such as: will the planning committee send out a survey, and if so, would it be mailed out? Chris will generate a draft, survey with the MEC reviewing it first, then the Select Board. We do have data on town buildings for electricity and heat usage. Can GMP get data for just Monkton or just Addison Co? Middlebury doesn't have an Energy Plan. Fran Putnam in Weybridge could have info on the town energy plan or contacts on these topics.

5. Wood bank

Lee spoke about the wood bank and he talked to Project Hope. Lee said he has 2 cords and it could be

'seed' cords to try and get this started. Hopefully the wood will be moved by October 23, after that UVM is coming to split 2 more cords. Kerry Conley in Ripton wants to start a relationship with Project Hope. Warren King (Ripton) has sent out postcards in the past from the following potential groups: landscapers, homeowners, VTRANS etc. They have processed about 16 cords over the years. Tax free donations can be made and other fuel sources such as oil benefit from this. 'Wood bees' take place where volunteers split and stack wood. (They or the town don't have insurance for this). An unofficial email list has been created to advertise this. People are able to go and take the wood as needed.

One idea is to spend \$500 on a draft release of a wood bank plan by a lawyer. Maybe ask for an increase in premium from the town insurance? Town willing to cover this? Location: Ridge near church? SB would have to approve. Order: 1. Quantify 2. Insurance 3. Then approach SB.

6. Municipal Building Audits Updates

No updates.

7. Energy Efficiency

No updates.

8. VEEP at school

When this is scheduled, Pete to tell the MEC the date.

9. Heat Pump workshop

To take place on September 26 from 10 to 12. The following names were brought up: Roger Wallace, Harold Reist (Geothermal) and Erik Strong (P/H Installations). The workshop will be posted on the FPF as well as the Bulletin Board and a 'sandwich type' of board at the recycle center. Nate will get the board together. Jay to bring coffee.

10. Button up day

There is state encouragement for Button Up day. It is scheduled for Saturday November 7. Efficiency VT may sponsor it. Jay to send info on this.

Next Meeting: October 21 2015 7:00 PM in the Town Hall

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made Jay at 8:42 PM, seconded by Nate. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Dufault