

Monkton Energy Committee Meeting  
Monkton Town Hall  
October 21, 2015  
Final Minutes

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

Others Present: None

Call to Order: Jay Frater called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 September minutes were reviewed and accepted with the edits that were discussed.

2. Town wide energy survey

Jay passed out a draft survey and all members participated in making edits to the document.

3. Town Energy Plan

There are 3 sections of the town Energy Plan:

1. Energy Profile
2. Renewable Energy Resources
3. Efficiency and Conservation

Chris asked the town of Middlebury if any small towns have an actual Energy Plan, or if this info is just rolled up into the Town Plans. He didn't hear of any Energy Plans as a stand-alone document, it seems like all this info is combined into Town Plans. We discussed the different divisions regarding transportation, energy, etc. that encompass Energy Plans. There is a potential for 6 different renewable energy sources in Monkton. The SB will have to be contacted to let them know we are working on a Town Energy Plan and Survey. The location of a solar field will have to be discussed as part of the Energy Plan. Transportation will not be included in this Plan, Nadine will do a separate survey for this. Ideas on how to administer the survey such as mailings and or the utilization of 'Survey Monkey' were discussed. Post cards could be mailed out with the option of responding via links or hard copy. Jay and Chris will plan on meeting with the SB to discuss the Town Energy Plan.

4. Wood bank

Lee presented 3 options for the wood bank:

Option A: The town to go along with the plan and location of the wood bank at the church.

Option B: The church would be involved by helping to administer wood to locals who are in need and Lee spoke to Ralph about this. The town could provide land adjacent to the church to stage the wood. Also, Project Hope would get money from the church.

Option C: The property at Willowell could be used to stage the wood. (Kids come from all over the world to participate in Willowell and they sleep in the church basement). Matt Schlein (sp?) started Willowell and Ben will contact Matt about the possibility of a wood bank at Willowell. An insurance quote would be necessary before going much further into the wood bank program. A sub-committee for the wood bank may be necessary to get the program going.

#### 8. VEEP at school

Pete to contact Kate at the Monkton School to see the latest on possible dates for a presentation.

#### 9. Heat Pump workshop

This was a success and Roger Wallace had an informative presentation. The turnout for this event was very good.

#### 10. Button up day

There is state encouragement for Button Up day. It is scheduled for Saturday November 7. The MEC will not promote this event this year.

#### 11. Conference

The annual VECAN conference is December 5 in Fairlee, VT. Please see Jay if interested.

Next Meeting: December 16, 2015 7:00 PM in the Town Hall

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Chris at 8:57 PM. The motion was approved by Pete.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pete Dufault