

Monkton Energy Committee Meeting
Monkton Town Hall
December 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 7:13 PM

Announcements: None

The meeting minutes generally follow the agenda for the meeting on this date.

1. Minutes Review

No minutes were taken during the November meeting.

2. Town wide energy survey

During this meeting postcards for the town wide energy survey were addressed and stamped. Postcard should be mailed out to Monkton residents in the near future.

3. VECAN Conference

Chris attended the VECAN Conference in Fairlee, VT on December 5th. He was able to make some good contacts in the Energy area from other towns. Some presenters address the issues of more intense storm events from extreme weather that can disrupt towns and communities. There is a Community Resilience Organization (CRO) that is a NE grassroots organization that distributes grants. A \$1,000 grant could possibly be used for the construction of a woodshed.

4. Woodbank

Lee gave us an update on the woodbank. About 1 to 1.5 cords have been cut and donated to a family, and John McNerny helped out with this. Another 1.5 cords has been recently cut. A UVM class has processed some of this wood. Willowell seems like a good location to stage a wood storage area. Jay mentioned that there has been 65 responses from the survey and the woodbank idea has had some positive results.

5. Energy Plan

Chris presented information on the Energy Plan. The Energy Plan may be ready in the spring. Energy Plans are typically part of town plans, something that he found out at the VECAN conference.

6. Transportation Survey

This survey will be sent out when the town report goes out. The survey will be completed by Nadine.

Other Info

The year end MEC Report was reviewed and it will be included with the town report.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Dufault