

Monkton Energy Committee Notes
Monkton Town Hall
May 16, 2016
Draft Minutes

Members Present: Lee Kauppila, Nate Palmer, Chris Skees, Jay Frater, Becky Gould and Pete Dufault.

Others Present: Nadine Canter Barnicle spoke about the Transportation Survey

Call to Order: 7:13 PM by Pete Dufault

Announcements: None

Transportation Survey

Nadine passed out and explained the draft responses with initial analysis of the Transportation Survey. Jay asked what should we do with the data. Nadine said this information will help set the agenda for what Monkton residents want to do with the information. Examples include focusing on carpooling or ACTR transportation, etc. More ideas can be obtained on the website at <http://www.govt.com>. Starting a trip diary can be an early step in the process of finding others to carpool or ride share with. State grants for the improvement of transportation are competitive as often times grants of about 1 million dollars are divided multiple ways.

We discussed the survey questions and some edits and comments were made. Questions on busses, transportation and the usage of vehicle were discussed. (Note that the survey is in draft form and not available for release to the public at this point). The Transportation Advisory Council (TAC) often focuses their funds on roads and bridges vs. sidewalks. There is also a Bike/Walk Advisory Council that is an advocate for better roads for biking. Local Motion is another program that supports better infrastructure for biking or walking. The local Park-n-Ride location is at the Monkton Central School lower parking lot. Ridesharing is a good way to work towards energy goals and it has an immediate effect vs. waiting for a bus schedule to get set up.

Nadine can review this survey information before it is sent out. It is possible to meet up with other towns that have done this survey as well to share ideas. September is the month when the 'Way to go Challenge' takes place and we could sign up as a town. We could also reach out to the school for more participants. Nadine left the meeting when we finished the transportation and survey discussion.

Town Energy Plan

Chris said that 3 areas of the Town Energy Plan need review:

1. Renewable Energy Sightings
2. Non-Renewable Energy Development
3. Goals
 - conservation
 - transportation efficiency
 - renewables

Jay recommended that we split up the plan and review it by section. The plan will be reviewed by the MEC and broken up as listed below:

Becky: Renewables (3)

Nate: Non-renewables (4)

Jay: Energy Efficient Conservation (5)

Pete: Energy Demand (2.3)

Lee: Energy Supply (2.2)

Everyone should review the town goals that includes the Energy Vision and Profile. (Chris got this plan together so he isn't assigned a section).

Wood bank

Lee spoke about the wood bank and mentioned that the location at Willowell needs to be cleaned up. At Dave Lynch's property trees for the wood bank have been cut and Lee is looking into the transportation of wood. Nate mentioned that he has a dump trailer available. A work crew needs to be organized and work preparation at the site needs to be accomplished with the assistance of Josh from Willowell.

Adjournment

Nate made a motion to close the meeting and it was seconded by Pete at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Dufault