

Monkton Energy Committee Notes
Monkton Town Hall
March 16, 2016
Final Minutes

Members Present: Lee Kauppila, Nate Palmer, Chris Skees and Pete Dufault. Jay Frater attended meeting via FaceTime.

Others Present: Josh Carter from Willowell

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Announcements: None

Woodbank

This was summarized by Lee for Josh Carter. Lee mentioned how the Lincoln's wood bank uses Project Hope to get the wood to needy families. Kerry Conley is the POC for Project Hope.

Josh said that he has limited staffing to get projects going but Willowell does want to be part of this and have it located at their facility.

Nate will check with Ken as far a zoning for the wood bank at Willowell. Nate called Dave Walker of VT Gas to see if we can get wood from the pipeline. A local architect, Susan Davis, can be contacted to see if she can donate some time to the design of a woodshed. NE Grassroots could be a possible funding source for a grant to build a wood shed. A question was brought up, "Would it be possible for the town or the MEC to get a tax cut from the pipeline project?"

Another question regarding the wood from the pipeline project was asked, "Does the owner need to release wood as part of this project, and can it be a tax break?"

Eventually a wood bank committee may get started as a spinoff from the MEC, but it was determined not to happen at this time.

Jay asked how much space is available at Willowell for the storage of wood and a woodshed? Willowell has plenty of space and Nate commented that a spot 8' X 20' is equal to 16 cords of wood. Josh will ask about the liability issue of cutting wood and the possibility of an injury. Josh Carter departed from the meeting.

Town Budget

Why were funds for the MEC left out of the budget? Ask the select board to use tax money from the pipeline project. Jay will call John McNerney to see about a line item from tax dollars towards the MEC. Nate may able to get specifics on this.

Town Energy Plan

Chris said that the survey data is in for the Energy Plan. HVAC is in the plan and he needs about another month to get it to the Energy Committee. Once we receive it, he would like our feedback. Goals of the Energy Plan are to cite a resolution that the SB will approve, and he hopes to have this in May. The comments and raw numbers will be included as an appendix.

Adjournment

Nate made a motion to close the meeting and it was seconded by Pete at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Dufault