

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

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

Call to Order: 7:06 PM by Jay Frater.

Announcements: None.

Minutes review: The September minutes were accepted as amended and will be made final and posted to the town website.

Others present: None.

Woodbank

There are 8 cords of wood available and about 16 deliveries could be made this season. There is about \$470 cash in hand that can be donated to families that are in need of fuel assistance. Jackson and Katie (Willowell volunteers) will take on the administrative task of managing the wood bank. They will make contact with Project Hope. Additional donations for propane/fuel could be looked into. More advertising in locations such as the town sign by the front hall and Front Porch Forum could be implemented. There are 2 cords of wood available at Rick Dinkle's house, and more can be collected from local properties.

Some issue to work out is a possible sign for the Woodbank. One has been designed by some kids at the church. The next issue is using a truck or truck and trailer to transport the wood.

Nate mentioned he can check with Vt Fuel Dealers association to see if he could solicit a donation to Project Hope.

Lee will talk with Meals on Wheels and pass on some donation information to them. Lee will generate a summary of the Woodbank project and send it to Jay.

The Woodbank could be introduced to the town and advertised at Town Meeting.

Energy Plan

Chris would like to turn this in as a final document. Currently, the plan has not gotten comments from town committee members. The Planning Commission will receive the plan from Chris. The SB has the Energy Plan for review. Some edits need to be made to the tax section, and then it can be finalized. It should be sent to the Planning Commission.

Chris made a motion to approve the plan and Jay seconded it. The Final Report will be sent from Chris to Jay and then on to the Planning Commission.

Willowell

An application for a grant can be filled out by Willowell personnel. Surveys are posted on the town web page and FPF. These surveys could be put into the town report.

Solar

Jay mentioned that solar credits can no longer be cashed in at the end of the year. Owners of solar systems can

only give a % of power generated back to an organization such as Project Hope.

VECAN Conference

Nate be able to go to Morley VT for this annual conference.

MEC Personnel

Nate may take over as Jay departs in January and will be back in the spring. Chris may move out of Monkton and will likely leave the MEC.

Next Meeting December 14 at 7:00 PM

Adjournment

Pete made a motion to close the meeting and it was seconded by Nate at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Dufault