

Monkton Energy Committee Meeting
Monkton Town Hall
October 15, 2014
Draft Minutes

Members Present: Wendy Sue Harper, Jay Frater, Nate Palmer, Becky Gould, Pete Dufault

Others Present: None

Call to Order: Jay Frater called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM

Announcements: None

Pete to contact Steve Pilcher about getting the correct pdf format for minutes onto the website. Minutes should be simple, reviewed by the board and then posted to the website.

The file format is MEC_20141015, for the meeting on this date. Meetings take place on the 3rd Wednesday each month at 7:00 PM at the town hall.

Jay should call Peter Carouthers about ACORN getting reviewed by the School Board.

Municipal Solar Arrays: There is a potential Community Solar Array (CSA) that could be built on private land in Monkton. It is in the early stages of planning and there may not be 3 phase power available on site, so it may not get approved. Members would have a 20 year commitment but it is possible to get out of the agreement if necessary. The Public Service Board would have to get approval for the CSA, and can do so without input from the town. It was noted that the PSB could overrule the town plan. The proposed CSA would only serve approximately 20 houses and Monkton residents would get first dibs on joining the agreement. There should be more information including costs out on this by December.

Wood Bank: Several unknowns still exist for the wood bank. Insurance and other factors such as the town having a town forest have to be figured out on how this will work.

Button Up Day: There is a possibility that the MEC would hold a button up day November 1st, at the Monkton Fire House. Efficiency Vermont has a list of vendors that could come to this event. Jay can plan on calling Curtis Lane. Posters and a notification should be posted on the town sign across from the town hall.

MEC Member status: Johnathan Willson is moving out of Monkton and will most likely not be on the committee much longer. He may provide some final input or finish the town energy plan before he departs. Jay will be away for about 4 months this winter. The positions of the MEC officers were voted on and are listed below:

Chair: Jay Frater

Vice Chair: Nate Palmer

Secretary: Pete Dufault

Jay will post a notification on FPF about getting more members. Wendy Sue will update the Energy page on the town website and list the

officers.

Church connection: Becky will get in touch with Ralph about connecting the church with the MEC. Hopefully this will take place in November.

PACE: The PACE program doesn't seem to be taking off. The potential to use the program is still in place and it could be useful to those who don't qualify for a home equity line of credit.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2014 7PM in the Town Hall

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made Jay at 8:30 PM, seconded by Nate. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Dufault