

Monkton Energy Committee Notes
Monkton Town Hall
September 20, 2017
Final Notes

Members Present: Lee Kauppila, Nate Palmer and Pete Dufault

Others Present: John McNerny, Katie from Willowell

Call to Order: 7:09 by Nate

Announcements: None.

Minutes review: None at this time.

Topics for the meeting: PACE, Woodbank, NG Pipeline and general review of MEC topics.

Woodbank

Additional marketing would be good to increase the number of deliveries. Katie said that due to the sporadic deliveries every few months it is hard to nail people down to help with the deliveries. Pellet deliveries could be made through Project HOPE, and they have about \$266 left out of \$630 in the account. Any cash donations need to be tracked and accounted for. Lee and Nate will get together next week and discuss what month would be good to send out a mailing to Monkton residents to try and get more donations. A mailing could go out on card stock in the form of a postcard that mentions time, treasure and talent needed for the wood bank. Donations could be made to Project HOPE or the town clerk.

At the wood bank location, a tractor would be good to move snow to access the wood in the winter. Also, a splitter and trailer would be an additional asset. The poison parsnip needs to be cut down and controlled. The abundance of weeds will prevent the wood from drying. John McNerny spent some time cutting and bagging the parsnip seeds to minimize future growth. Lee is planning on doing some weedwacking in this area as well. Katie will talk with Matt and Sasha (Willowell) about this issue. The signs are getting less visible with the tall vegetation growth. Todd Chamberlin of Monkton dropped off some wood. At Rick Dinkle's residence and the little hogback there is about a cord of wood in each location.

On September 25th and 26th United Way could provide some volunteers and Katie could assist with getting people together for a woodbee event. Advertising could take place at the farmers market. Selling potentially old wood could be a fundraiser.

Natural Gas

If a natural gas gate station was installed in Monkton it may not be worth it to switch to natural gas. The MEC burned 6,700 gallons of fuel in 2016 at \$1.62/gallon that would only save between \$267 - 400 per year.

Next Meeting September 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Adjournment

Lee made a motion to close the meeting and it was seconded by Pete at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Dufault