

Monkton Energy Committee Minutes
Monkton Town Hall
January 17, 2018
Final Minutes

Members Present: Lee Kauppila, Nate and Jane Palmer and Pete Dufault

Others Present: Ivor

Call to Order: 7:09 by Nate

Announcements: None.

Minutes review: November 2017

Topics for the meeting: Woodbank and Town Plan

Woodbank

Lee has been active with the wood bank deliveries and has made 5 deliveries to local households. There have been 2 deliveries of cordwood to Starksboro, 2 to Monkton and one delivery of pellets to Bristol. There have been 2 donations to the wood bank through HOPE in the amounts of \$250 and \$350, and the balance on the account is approximately \$750. On January 31st there is a tour scheduled of the HOPE facility.

Town Plan

Ivor arrived at 7:15 PM to discuss the Town Plan. Panton, Monkton and Salisbury have been nominated for a grant for energy conservation. Has the Town Energy Plan been adopted by the town? Nate to follow up with Steve to see if this has been adopted. On January 30th at 6:30 at Mt. Abe there will be a meeting regarding energy usage for the schools. Act 174 can be reviewed, renewable energy milestones for towns. As per Ivor, Steve Pilcher has apparently sent in a letter in support of a valve station for the natural gas pipeline. The Select Board has not made a decision regarding the valve station. Ivor thinks the SB will support the potential NG valves that could generate \$70K for the town, but about 60% will go to Montpelier first. It would be good to get a grant to help with the planning. A meeting regarding planning and energy will take place, possibly in the first quarter of 2018. Housing, walkability will be included with these meetings as well. See the information sheet from Ivor, and this includes goals for energy reduction and the increase of renewable energy sources.

Ivor mentioned a solar atlas that shows the number of solar sites in Monkton. Years ago there were only 13 homes with solar installed and about 68 homes that currently have solar installed. Heat pumps are not included in the information.

The energy fair we had years ago was a positive outreach effort and we could have another one. The VT Comprehensive Energy Plan and Act 174 are good documents to review.

The cost of the gate station is about \$635,000. The cost is about \$4-5K per hookup and the rate payers will pay for this cost. At 7:52 Ivor left.

Other

MEC emails should be sent to all MEC members. Nate and Jane will look into this.

Nate/Jane to reply to Callie to see if she will join or take on the 350 project herself.

Next Meeting February 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Adjournment

Pete made a motion to close the meeting and it was seconded by Nate at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Dufault