



TOWN OF MONTEREY

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Regional Coordinator
Green Communities Division
DOER Southeast Region
20 Riverside Drive
Lakeville, MA 02347

November 9, 2022

Re: User Authorization - MassEnergyInsight

Dear Regional Coordinator,

As the chief appointed officials for the Town of Monterey, we hereby authorize:

Name: Peter Murkett
Title: Renewable Energy Working Group, Chair
Email: rewg@montereyma.gov

To receive full access to the energy data of the Town of Monterey that is included in the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources MassEnergyInsight energy reporting system.

Respectfully,

Justin Makuc, Chair
Monterey Select Board

Susan Cooper

Scott Jenssen

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Town Administrator

From: Joe Baker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 5:59 PM
To: Susan Cooper
Cc: Justin Makuc; Scott Jenssen; Town Administrator
Subject: Re[2]: To SelectBoard re Community Center

Hi Susan,

Thank you for this detailed reply and for the report on what NG is proposing. This sounds like a good option for the town especially with the programmable feature to limit the hours the lights are on. I am happy to know that the Town has been pursuing this idea with NG; however, as I said in the letter our concern is going into another winter of long, dark evenings with inadequate lighting in place. If there is any way to expedite the process of getting the NG work done we would be in favor. And if it turns out that NG may be willing to do the work but cannot commit to a date until later this year or even next year, what about concocting more temporary lighting for the dark areas of the driveway as people walk down to the main pathway into the front door? This seems to be the area of greatest concern once the pathway lights are working. I think Rob Hoogs has given some thought to this topic.

Please keep me posted with what you can learn about timing, etc.

Thanks for staying on top of this - I know that it is not as if there are not other projects in town that need attention, too!

Joe

----- Original Message -----

From: "Susan Cooper" <susan@montereyma.gov>
To: "Joe Baker" <[REDACTED]>
Cc: "Justin Makuc" <justin@montereyma.gov>; "Scott Jenssen" <scott@montereyma.gov>; "Town Administrator" <admin@montereyma.gov>
Sent: 10/24/2022 11:15:05 AM
Subject: Re: To SelectBoard re Community Center

Hi Joe,

I wanted to let you know that Melissa and Jim are working with National Grid on this. Here is what I understand thus far, National Grid has agreed to install several light poles on the grounds of the MCC. These would be downward facing, LED, dark-skies compliant lights. According to National Grid, there will be an upgrade in the available lights forthcoming in the next few months that would allow the lights to be programmed to turn off at a specified time rather than remaining on all night. It's National Grid, so I doubt we

will get precise timing. Sigh. Our current thinking is that the trade off of a bit more of a wait against not having the neighbors have the lights on all night (not to mention the wasted energy) seemed sensible. I'll check in with Melissa later this week to get a better idea of the timeline and an update on the specifics, and I will let you know any further details. If there are other pertinent details you would like, let me know and I will ask.

From: Joe Baker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 10:20 AM
To: Susan Cooper <susan@montereyma.gov>; Justin Makuc <justin@montereyma.gov>; Scott Jenssen <scott@montereyma.gov>
Subject: To SelectBoard re Community Center

Dear Monterey Select Board,

Attached please find a letter concerning the Community Center, the body of which is also pasted below.

Thank you for your attention,
Joe

Joe Baker
[REDACTED] Monterey

Please accept this letter of concern regarding the Monterey Community Center on behalf of the Friends of Wilson-McLaughlin House (FWMH).

FWMH is a 501c(3) organization whose continuing purpose is to provide support for the Monterey Community Center (MCC) for the benefit of the Monterey community.

In this regard, we wish to express our concern for those residents attending programs during the evening hours most especially during the coming winter season. We understand that temporary lighting has been provided and that the citizens of Monterey voted at the 2021 annual town meeting (more than 17 months ago!) to fund a more permanent solution involving the installation of more energy efficient outdoor lighting to adequately light the parking area, driveway and walkway near the building. Adequate illumination is critical to help prevent falls and injuries for those attending night meetings. Please go by there some night after dark yourselves to witness the insufficient condition of current lighting.

We respectfully request that immediate steps be taken to install permanent lighting for the parking area, driveway and walkway leading up to the front door at the Monterey Community Center. Let's get this done.

Joe Baker, President
Friends of Wilson-McLaughlin House

Town Administrator

From: selectboard montereyma.gov
Sent: Friday, November 4, 2022 9:43 AM
To: Town Administrator
Subject: FW: [Monterey MA] Historical District - ARPA Funds (Sent by Chris Tryon, chris@berkshiregeotech.com)

From: Contact form at Monterey MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Friday, November 4, 2022 9:41:57 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: selectboard montereyma.gov <selectboard@montereyma.gov>
Subject: [Monterey MA] Historical District - ARPA Funds (Sent by Chris Tryon, chris@berkshiregeotech.com)

Hello Select Board,

Chris Tryon (chris@berkshiregeotech.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.montereyma.gov/user/671/contact>) at Monterey MA.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.montereyma.gov/user/671/edit>.

Message:

Good Morning Board, I am greatly disappointed to learn that the board approved funding to start the process of creating a historical district within the village area of our town. Firstly, the use of ARPA funds for this does not align with what the intent and purpose of what the ARPA program is for. Secondly, this item should have been brought in front of the town residents at a town meeting where it could have been presented and given the opportunity to be determine if this a direction that the community wants to go in. My family and myself own a significant amount of property within the village area. We were not given legal written notification that the board would be voting on funds that would be directly impacting our property. Written notification is a requirement for any projects that could have an effect on surrounding properties within the Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board and Board of Health, I don't see how this is different. It was presented to the board as it won't have an impact on any of the properties. I highly doubt that there will be no layers of red tape added by creating this district. An example of this is the blind adoption of the energy stretch code within the building code. It was presented as "little" added cost to building a house with all positive return for the town, yet the only thing i have seen out of this is an added layer to the permitting and substantial cost to the property owner. In the current times of huge inflation especially in the building industry, we do not need more red tape.

Additionally, your approval of these funds are with the intent to access a grant to renovate the schoolhouse. The cost that was presented to the board is grossly inaccurate to achieve this. The number presented could not even cover the architectural and engineering costs for the project. I do feel sad that our community lost our little school house and would have loved for my children to go there as I did but we are 40 years too late. If the building was such a treasure to the town, then why didn't the town invest money into it to keep the building in good condition? With the current state of the building, it is not conducive for a public building, ADA and Parking issues just to start. The town owns plenty of property that could be used to build a new building that meets today's standards and needs while being financially responsible.

Please take my concerns into consideration prior to using ARPA funds to progress this issue.

Thank you,

Chris & Cara Tryon

