

# Rye Energy Committee

## Public Hearing on Rye Community Power

### Minutes

Thursday, December 9, 2021 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Rye Junior High

Meeting started at 7:03PM

#### 1. Presentation on Rye Community Power

Two handouts were available to community members:

- Rye Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan Summary
- FAQs

A presentation on Rye Community Power was made.

- What is Community Power?
- The Electric Aggregation Plan
- Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire
- Timeline for Rye Community Power program
- Questions? Comments

The slides are available here:

[https://www.town.rye.nh.us/sites/g/files/vyhlif3751/f/uploads/rcp\\_eap\\_presentation\\_v1\\_ppt.pdf](https://www.town.rye.nh.us/sites/g/files/vyhlif3751/f/uploads/rcp_eap_presentation_v1_ppt.pdf)

Please see the Rye Energy Committee's webpage (in the Town of Rye's website). Click the Community Power tab where you can find lots of information and easy links to follow.

#### 2. Question and Answer

Questions from the attendees were discussed and answered.

##### **Opt-out option was explained.**

When the program is implemented, every ratepayer on Eversource default electricity supply will receive written notice that the supplier will be switching from Eversource to Rye Community Power with rates and options explained. There will also be a public hearing scheduled to answer any questions the public may have. Everyone currently on the default supply will be automatically enrolled in the Rye Community Power default rate tier. There will be the option for rate-payers to choose other rate tiers. Ratepayers may also choose to opt-out of the program and go back to Eversource or another competitive supplier.

If a ratepayer is already using a competitive supplier (other than Eversource), that ratepayer will receive a mailing offering them the chance to opt-in to Rye Community Power.

**What prevents Eversource from raising rates on Delivery to cover for loss of revenue on Supply?**

The supply portion of the electricity bill is revenue neutral to Eversource. Eversource makes its profits on the transmission and delivery of power. Rye Community Power therefore will not cause Eversource to lose revenue.

**Does each town that wants to have a Community Power program submit their own plan?**

Yes - each municipality will submit an Electric Aggregation Plan to the serving utility, the Public Utilities Commission, NH Consumer Advocate and the Department of Energy.

**Choices of rate tiers explained** - Rye Community Power will offer several rate tiers for its consumers. The basic rate (that everyone will be automatically enrolled in) will be comparable to the current Eversource default rate in cost and composition. It will contain at least as much renewable energy and will cost the same or less than Eversource's rate. Another option would be composed of more renewable energy with a slightly higher price while a third option might be 100% renewable at a competitive price. These are examples of what might be offered and details in the actual cost sharing agreement may vary according to market conditions.

The Rye Energy Committee is planning to host an informational meeting on January 20, 2022.