

Rye Energy Committee  
Tuesday, January 3, 2017  
6:30-8:00 Rye Public Library

Present: Danna Truslow, Susan Anderson, Tom Pfau, Howard Kalet

Also Present: Andrew Reed

Approved 12/6/16 Meeting Minutes

Solar at Major Consuming Locations - Tom and Howard will be going to a Rye School Board Meeting on Friday, January 6, 2017 to discuss solar power for the elementary and junior high schools. They will be bringing drafts of renditions of solar panels on the school roofs.

Regarding a solar array on the ground near the Public Safety Building, Howard will be talking with Dennis McCarthy about using the "overflow parking/snow farm area behind the building.

Adams Park - Tom and Clay Mitchell, UNH Professor, met with Jim Connick, owner of Adams Park, on December 26, 2016. They were looking for an area to put a solar array on the ground. The area behind the park is quite wet and probably not suitable. They also looked at a bank of electric meters at the park. Jim wasn't sure which mobile homes they went with and will get that information and provide a map to Tom.

Budget Meeting - Howard and Susan attended a Budget Meeting on December 8, 2016 to follow up on the request for \$600.00 which the Selectmen approved. Howard described what the REC has spent money on and explained that we will be able to get more grant money if we can show that the town supports the REC's efforts. The Budget Committee approved the request.

Energy Hub/Solarize Campaign - An RFP has been sent to solar vendors requesting them to commit to presenting at the program, the date for which has not been finalized. The state has pushed out the deadline for setting the net metering rate. The program may have to be postponed until the net metering rate is set.

Review of Electric Rates - Jim Katkin, Financial Officer for SAU50, researched electric rates for the schools and got a very competitive rate. We're still looking into researching rates for other town locations.

Design Draft of Solar Displays - Andrew Reed\* did some drafts for solar panels on our public buildings. Example: He did an array on the roof of the vehicle garage at the Recycling Center. This would supply electricity to the garage, the recycling building and the thrift shop. Tom will send consumption data to Andrew so that he can create designs to meet the demand. The final drafts will also include a production report. These designs are merely drafts of ideas and will be utilized for the Board of Education meeting scheduled for Friday and will also be shared with Mike Magnant and Dennis McCarthy in the near future.

\*New Member - Andrew Reed will, hopefully, become a formal member of the REC in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

The next Rye Energy Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 6:30-8:00, at the Rye Public Library.

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