

Rye Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 6, 2018
6:30-8:00 PM, Rye Public Library

Attending – Danna Truslow, Tom Pfau, Michael Joyce, Matt Marra, Carl Nicolino

1. October meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Matt Marra reported on his discussion with Kathleen Connors, a consultant on EV infrastructure planning. She was unable to provide any guidance on how to apply for funds. She will pass along the name of the person who may have more information about applying. Danna will contact DES about outreach regarding the VW settlement.
3. Michael reported that guest speaker Paul DeGrandis is available in January and he will confirm that the date. We will check with the library on remaining date availability and confirm with them speaker's choice of date.
4. Tom reported that ReVision Energy provided an estimate to install a solar system on the DPW garage of \$85,000 for a 30-kW system. They estimate the garage might support a 100-kW system, which could be net metered to other municipal buildings. The PPA cost for a 100-kW would be \$.13 per kwh. This would represent a savings for power used on-site at the Transfer Station but if group net metered to other municipal locations the added distribution costs would mean their power might cost more than is currently paid to the utility. More discussion is needed to determine whether a system sized just for on-site use or for group net metering is warranted.
5. Danna agreed to write an article for the December town newsletter.
6. There was a discussion of the 2019 budget. Given we have not spent all funds from 2018 in the REC account it was decided to ask for \$400 rather than the previous year's \$600 allocation with the stipulation that we would ask for more the following year. Danna will attend the budget meeting.
7. Matt and Michael reported on Sistine Solar a start-up company that makes a film "skin" for solar panels to help them blend into their surroundings. It was suggested that this film might be a solution for the RJS project. This school project proposes installing panels on the roof of the school that shows from the street. Since this is in variance with the historic district guidelines, the project has not been approved by the Historic District Commission. If Sistine and ReVision agree to work together, the thought is to resubmit the project proposal to the Historic Commission for approval.
8. The meeting adjourned at 8:00. The next meeting will be Dec 4, 2018 at 6:30 PM