Rye Energy Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, April 1, 2019 3:30-5:00 PM, Rye Public Library Fireplace meeting area

Attending: Danna Truslow, Howard Kalet, Michael Joyce, Tom Pfau, Carl Nicolino, Guest: Jaci Grote

There were no formal April meeting minutes as there wasn't a quorum present. Howard and Tom discussed revisions to the municipal solar report.

State Representative Jaci Grote attended the meeting. She reported that the House voted to adopt the 2015 Building Energy Code and is now being considered by the Senate. She expressed concern that local residents have little awareness of the effect of carbon emissions and how it affects them. What is the Energy Network and how does this credit work versus? What can we do as homeowners and as a town? She would like to schedule a round table discussion and invite some other representatives from Concord to participate. She suggested the REC create a list of items they would like the legislature to take up in the next session.

There was a discussion of the draft solar power for municipal buildings report. It was agreed that it needed further revision to include recommendations for next steps in the conclusion. Revisions will be made by Howard for discussion at the next meeting.

It was agreed that at the Board of Selectman meeting Danna will introduce Howard to present the solar report and Tom will present the lighting audit reports.

Danna offered to contact the Water District to meet with them regarding using water conservation land as a potential solar site.

Tom offered to contact Mike Magnant regarding the time allowed for the presentation at the BOS meeting of the solar and lighting audit reports.

The next committee meeting will be held at the Library on Tuesday, May 14 at 12:00 PM.