

Rye Energy Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 3, 2019
6:30 – 8:00 PM, Rye Public Library

Attending: Danna Truslow, Howard Kalet, Tom Pfau, Michael Joyce, Matt Maura, Carl Nicolino

The September meeting minutes were approved

New Officers - Danna would like to transition her title and responsibilities as she is now an active member of the Rye Conservation and Water Committees. Nominations and approvals for Howard Kalet and Tom Pfau to Co-Chair the REC were recorded. Michael Joyce will assume the role of Acting Secretary until Spring 2020

Meeting Day - There was discussion of changing the regularly scheduled meeting day to Thursdays. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov 7 at which time it will be decided which week of the month the meeting will be held.

Lighting Upgrade Project – The lighting upgrade at the Rye elementary and junior high is nearing completion. The Library Board approved the lighting upgrade proposal at its Sep meeting. New paperwork is being prepared by EMC, the lighting audit company, and will be delivered to the Town and the Library for their signatures.

Solar RFP – There were two responses to the solar RFP, one from Solar Endeavors and one from ReVision Energy. The Solar Endeavors proposal will not be considered as it was not a comprehensive document aligning with the RFP scope, did not address the School District power requirements, proposed using Water District locations that would not satisfy their requirements and did not provide details of a Power Purchase Agreement. The ReVision proposal will be considered as it addressed most of the RFP criteria although a number of questions were raised. It was agreed that questions will be compiled and emailed to ReVision in advance of interviewing them. It was also agreed that a proposal summary will be sent to representatives of the Town, School and Water Districts. An interview was tentatively proposed for 9:00 AM, Tue, Oct 22, depending on the availability of parties.

There was a discussion of the need for a public vote on a Warrant Article if the Town were to decide to enter into a multi-year solar PPA contract.

It was decided not to request any funding from the Town for the 2020 budget.

The next regular REC meeting will be held Thu, Nov 7, 6:30 at the Library.