

Rye Energy Committee

Meeting Notes

Thursday, November 7, 2019
6:30 – 8:00 PM, Rye Public Library

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

The October meeting minutes were approved.

Lighting Update: The Rye Jr. High School is 76% complete. The remaining municipal buildings projects will begin their respective lighting re-fittings in early 2020.

Clean Energy Discussion: The majority of the November meeting was spent discussing potential options for using cleaner sourced/ powered electricity for both municipal buildings and residents.

Several topics were discussed, and included: solar, aggregated power supply, and offshore wind. Additionally, the RFP response from Revision Energy was discussed.

The committee decided that given the complexity and timelines of (i.) the Revision Energy RFP response, (ii.) the passing of NH Senate Bill 286, enacted on October 1, 2019, allowing municipalities to negotiate purchase of electricity from competitive suppliers on behalf of town facilities, businesses, and residents, (iii.) the number of variables, contingencies, and dependencies, that it would be best to speak to some industry and subject matter experts to provide additional input, verify the data the committee has received as part of the RFP response or discovered as part of its own research.

As a next step, members of the REC scheduled an additional working session to further flesh out what types of resources it would look to engage. That meeting was scheduled for Wednesday November 13, 2019 at 9am at the Rye Public Library.

The next regular REC meeting will be held Tuesday December 10th at 6:30 at the Rye Public Library.