

Rye Energy Committee

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, February 4, 2020
6:30 – 8:00 PM, Rye Public Library

Attending: Howard Kalet, Tom Pfau, Michael Joyce, Carl Nicolino, Lisa Sweet

The January meeting minutes were approved.

The Rye Energy Committee members discussed participating in the ‘Rye Day’ event planned for Sunday, September 27th. The group decided to participate with a table (to be supplied by the members) and furnish information on energy related programs in the three key areas of: Town, Community and Residential.

Solar Proposal Update: Tom provided an update that the School Board has decided to hold off on pursuing the proposal submitted by ReVision Energy until 2021. ReVision Energy is scheduled to present their updated proposal to the Board of Selectmen on March 23, 2020.

The municipal lighting upgrade project has completed Phase 1: The Rye Elementary and Rye Jr. High Schools. Phase 2 includes The Rye Public Library, Public Safety Building, and DPW and is expected to commence in the coming weeks.

The Board of Selectmen asked the committee to respond with a list of objectives for 2020, which are as follows:

1. Continue solar discussion, and evaluation for town installation in 2021.
2. Maintain committee involvement in local and regional events - engagement in group memberships, meetings, and newsletters; along with potential suppliers and advisors.
3. Investigate and pursue town wide power aggregation.
4. Explore options to reduce costs of electricity demand charges at large town installations, including the Water District, Schools and Public Safety Buildings.
5. Continue to coordinate energy audits of municipal buildings, and provide guidance for possible future capital investments including upgrades, conversions, replacements, and maintenance.
6. Continue to engage and educate the Rye community about energy use and sustainability.

The Board of Selectmen approved \$500 of budget to fund 2020 initiatives and appropriate memberships.

The next regular REC meeting will be held Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30 at the Rye Public Library.