

Rye Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 2020
3:00 – 4:30 PM, Virtual Meeting

The Rye Energy Committee held a remote Zoom virtual due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency. All votes taken during the meeting were done by roll call vote.

In compliance with the town's virtual meeting protocol, Howard Kalet (co-chair of the Rye Energy Committee read the required attestation at the start of the meeting:

As co-chair of the Rye Energy Committee, I find that due the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

Utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Committee have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this or by clicking on the following website address: www.zoom.com

Meeting ID: 867-1140-8429 Password: 649873

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website at town.rye.nh.us on the Energy Committee page and click on agenda for this meeting.

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

A roll call of meeting attendees found those attending and stated they were alone in room were: Howard Kalet, Tom Pfau, Michael Joyce, Carl Nicolino, and Lisa Sweet.

May 2020 Rye Energy Committee Meeting Minutes:

The May Rye Energy Committee Meeting were approved by all members in attendance (Tom Pfau, Howard Kalet, Lisa Sweet, Carl Nicolino, and Michael Joyce).

Municipal Lighting Project Update:

The upgrades to Rye Jr. High and Rye Elementary schools have been completed and are being billed at the rate they are supposed to be. Tom Pfau discovered that they are not being paid at the understood monthly revenue neutral i.e. the schools will pay more once school starts back up but would be paid-off quicker. The net cost is more than what was understood from the proposal. The schools would have the option to of working with Eversource to discuss billing and cash flows. It should be noted that the schools have accepted the billing rate per the Eversource agreement.

The remaining municipal buildings have not yet been started due to scope change(s). The Town of Rye has asked to place a hold on subsequent phases of this project as a result of spending freezes due to the impact of Covid-19. Howard will circle back with the town administrator to understand what next steps will be, and a timeline as to when this might occur.

Solar Proposal Update:

A revised proposal from ReVision came back. The newly received proposal needs to be digested by the group but can highlight a few things:

- The cost per kWh has been reduced to from 10.50 cents to 10.25 cents
- Delivery costs do not appear to be factored into the proposal, but this needs further clarification from ReVision Energy.
- Reducing the size of the Water District installation will be reviewed with ReVision to potentially improve the project economics.
- A discussion with ReVision to determine if the incorporation of battery storage could be implemented to offset demand charges is possible and if so at what additional upfront and maintenance cost(s)

The members agreed to have a follow up discussion with ReVision to better understand the revised proposal.

Tom will work with the budget finance committee to set up initial discussion to review ReVision solar proposal.

Community Power Options: **Reminder: Upcoming Virtual Summit Hosted by <http://www.communitypowernh.org> on Friday June 5th*

A Virtual Summit hosted by Community Power NH is scheduled for Friday June 5. Any member interested in taking part can register for the event by visiting: <http://www.communitypowernh.org/>

The presentation will have representatives from Hanover and Nashua will be there to share their experience having implemented programs. Other towns will be in attendance to discuss co-op'ing amongst themselves to share and reduce costs for town's and their residents.

Tom will attend the virtual summit and encourages others to participate as there will be breakout groups to discuss various topics.

The committee will discuss the take-a-ways from the virtual summit and also next steps at the July REC meeting.

Demand Charge Research and Updates:

Howard and Tom continue to research this topic, and have suggested Re-Vision comment on the feasibility of integrating battery storage as part of the solar proposal as one possible measure to reduce demand charges for the town.

Planned Controls Discussions and Update:

This program and initiative is mostly targeted at the schools. Tom was waiting to hear back on the status of potential new projects/ checking functionality of existing systems.

General Town Updates:

No additional information has been shared with the Rye Energy Group at this time. Details on the state of the town can be found on the Town of Rye's website and or in the Town Newsletter circulated to residents and businesses: https://www.town.rye.nh.us/sites/ryenh/files/uploads/june_newsletter_2020_for_web.pdf

New Business:

A potential new member has expressed interest in the committee but was unable to attend today's meeting.

Next meeting Tuesday July 7 @ 3pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm