

Rye Energy Committee
Tuesday, March 7, 2017
6:30-8, Rye Public Library

Present: Susan Anderson, Howard Kalet, Danna Truslow
Absent: Tom Pfau (keeps in touch by phone and email)

Approved February 7, 2017 minutes

Solar at Major Consuming locations in Rye -Howard and Mike Magnant met with the BOS and discussed plans to develop a RFP. The BOS response was to develop an RFP for the town and offer the same to the Water District and Board of education for their own use. This RFP was developed and reviewed by Tom and Howard. Ken Aspen, Superintendent of the Water District, after meeting with his commissioners, feels there is no suitable location for a solar array. After further information came in about potential locations it now appears as if the only viable location at this time would be the town garage. Tom and Howard are leaning toward investigating potential solar farm locations in town.

Adams Park Update to be continued in April and discussed at our May meeting.

Solar Up /Energy Hub/Solarize Campaign - Howard presented the REC's letter of support for this campaign to the BOS, who approved our participation with the caveat that participants at the program understand that the providers are completely independent from the REC.

The Button Up/Solar Up Seacoast events will have their kickoff with a program in the Durham/Dover area on March 20 and a program in Portsmouth soon thereafter. Other communities participating in the "First Wave" are Lee, and Northwood. Communities in the "Second Wave", who will be offering programs later in the spring are Rye, Hampton, New Castle, Stratham, Newmarket and Exeter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

The next meeting of the REC will be Thursday, April 13, 2017, 6:30-8 PM at the Rye Public **Library in the "living room" (by the fireplace).**

Please note the change of day, time and meeting area.

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