

Rye Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
3:00-4:30 PM
Town Hall

1) Attendance

Howard Kalet
Tom Pfau
Lisa Sweet
Carl Nicolino

2) June Meeting Minutes Approval

Minutes from August were approved unanimously.

3) School Solar PPA Warrant Article Review

The warrant article was approved by the town by roughly a 2-1 margin. The school board will need to approve the roof repairs before installation. This will likely push the installation date out into 2022.

4) Public Safety Building Lighting Upgrade Update

Tom and Howard did a detailed walkthrough for the project. It will be 7-8 weeks to get the materials and 1 week for installation. It should be finished by the end of November. There will be weekly updates.

5) TD Bank Town Hall Annex

Carl Edin from EMC reviewed the TD Bank building for potential savings and incentives from NHSaves. EMC said the town will need to submit an application separate from the RFP for construction. Potential savings might be realized in the areas of weatherization, lighting, and the heating and cooling systems.

6) REC Input for Long Range Planning Committee survey

The survey questions were discussed and consensus was reached for answers.

7) Community Power

- 1) Legal Review - The legal review has been completed and the Select Board will need to sign off on joining the Community Power Coalition of NH. Materials will be sent to Janice and Howard will present to the Select Board on 9/27.
- 2) Select CPCNH board rep and alternate - The Energy Committee selected Lisa Sweet to serve as the board representative and Howard Kalet as the alternate to the CPCNH board. The committee voted unanimously for both appointments.
- 3) Map out process - Howard will ask the Select Board on 9/27 for their input on who should be involved in the process to collect data, set goals and draft a community power plan for Rye.

8) Goss Farm Fall Fair September 18 - Table

We will have information on Community Power, weatherization, income-based energy assistance, LED lighting, a quick survey to help engage the community as well as information on the types of heating used in Rye and the average costs for different systems.

9) Local Energy Solutions Conference October 8 at Grappone Center, Concord

Lisa, Carl and Howard plan to attend the conference.

10) New Business

The 2022 budget was discussed. We will request \$1000. This will be used for membership in Clean Energy NH, attendance at conferences and for community education regarding Community Power.

October meeting will be held on 10/12 (not 10/5).

Next meeting is on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 from 3:00-4:30 PM at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM