

Rye Energy Committee
Thursday, April 13, 2017, 3:00-4:30
Rye Public Library

Present: Susan Anderson, Howard Kalet, Tom Pfau, Danna Truslow

Minutes from March 7, 2017 were approved

Solar at Major Consuming Locations - Mike Magnant forwarded a RFP intended to seek proposals from solar vendors. However, after further discussion, Howard and Tom decided to seek more information from vendors about a single large solar array for all municipal buildings before sending out the RFP. This would be scoping discussions, since it is anticipated the RFP process would need to be followed. There are too many drawbacks to trying to put solar panels on many of the buildings previously being considered (schools, safety building).

Solar Hub/Energy Hub is now Energize 360 and has held programs in Dover, Durham and, tonight, in Portsmouth at the Redhook Brewery. Tom and Howard plan to attend. After a competitive RFP process conducted by energy leaders from five Seacoast communities, [ReVision Energy](#) of Brentwood, New Hampshire was chosen to be the clean energy solutions provider for the program (solar PV, solar thermal, [heat pumps](#), water heating, EVs, [batteries](#)), with [Yankee Thermal Imaging](#) heading up the weatherization/efficiency side. Discounts are available for a range of services offered by the two companies.

This program is NOT sponsored by any municipality

For more information, go to energize360.org.

Adams Park Update -Jim Connick, owner of the Park, has not responded to the latest contact by the REC. This will be tabled unless/until he does so.

New Business - It's time to apply for the NEGREF (New England Grass Roots Environmental Fund). Our first job is to update the energy tracking with Portfolio Manager which Michele Sopher started a few years ago and which has been maintained by interns during the summer. Tom wants to look into what updating the tracking will entail and may be interested in taking it on. He will contact Michele. In the meantime, we will need funds for PR, posters and programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM. The next REC meeting will be May 2, 2017, 6:30-8 at the Rye Public Library.

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