

**Rye Energy Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, November 2, 2021  
3:00-4:30 PM  
Town Hall

**1) Attendance**

Howard Kalet  
Tom Pfau  
Lisa Sweet  
Carl Nicolino

**2) October Meeting Minutes Approval**

Minutes from October were approved unanimously.

**3) Review Meeting. November 4 at 1:45**

The Rye Energy Committee will reduce our request from \$4000 to \$1500 for next year's budget. If Rye Community Power is passed, the required mailing will be covered in the Community Power Coalition of NH services rather than by Rye Energy Committee. The requested amount will cover expenses for membership in CleanEnergyNH and materials to communicate with the community.

The revised request was voted on and approved unanimously. Howard and Tom will present the budget request on Thursday.

**4) Community Power/CPCNH Update**

**1. Timeline for Rye Community Power Approval Process**

Rye Energy Committee needs to determine when the Select Board needs the final plan in order to include a warrant article on the 2022 ballot. Working backward from that date, we will plan 2 Public Hearings for public comment and input. The draft Energy Aggregation Plan will be finalized and a warrant article to approve it will be submitted for review.

**2. Review and approve drafts of Energy Aggregation Plan (EAP) and Warrant Article (WA) (please read ahead of meeting)**

The draft Energy Aggregation Plan was approved with minor edits.

**3. Present draft of EAP and WA to Select Board 11/8 or 11/22?**

The drafts of Energy Aggregation Plan and accompanying Warrant article will be presented to the Select Board on 11/8. The plan will be reviewed by legal department.

**4. Choose dates/format for 2 Public Forums**

Dates for the Public Forums will be determined when the due date for the final drafts is known. We will choose 2 different evenings and make recordings available for those who can not attend

in person. The Energy Committee will invite a representative from Community Power Coalition of NH to assist with questions.

5. Review and approve changes to webpage

Tom has worked on updating our webpage with information about Community Power. He will work with Janice to get the changes online.

6. Discuss possible online survey

This was not discussed.

7. Article for newsletter, magazine; press release

The article for the Town Newsletter is due 11/19. We will publicize hearings thru email, social media, postings. We will look into a press release as well.

8. Meetings with other groups (Rye Civic) ?

We will also ask to present at the November Rye Civic League meeting.

**5) TD Bank Town Hall Annex Update**

Tom and Howard met with Charlie Hoyt to review plans. The project will scope out using air source heat pump system (for heat and AC) and receive rebates from NH Saves if it is cost effective versus replacing the existing propane system. Long term heating costs as well as initial costs will be considered. If a propane heating system is used, an efficient AC system will also be needed.

**6) Public Safety Building Lighting Upgrade Update**

The equipment will arrive in the next week or so and installation will begin soon. The equipment is to be delivered soon and work will commence soon after.

**7) New Business**

Master Plan meeting on 11/10/21 - Visioning Session 6:30-8 @ Rye Jr High

Howard purchased a microphone (\$39.99) for better virtual acoustics and Carl submitted a receipt for attending the LES Conference (\$84.79). These expenses will be reimbursed with our 2021 budget. There was a unanimous vote to approve.

**Next meeting is on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 from 3:00-4:30 PM at Town Hall.**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM.**