

# **Rye Energy Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 7, 2022 2:30 – 4:00 PM**

**NH Room, Rye Public Library**

1. **Attendance** Meeting was called to order at 2:45 pm; Howard Kalet, Tom Pfau, Carl Nicolino, Lisa Sweet, and a guest, Frank Melanson
2. **May Meeting Minutes Approval** May minutes were approved
3. **CENH Innovation Conference report** Tom and Lisa shared what they had learned at the Clean Energy NH (CENH) Innovation Conference. CENH also facilitated an Electric Vehicle Show in Exeter where people could see different examples of EVs. Rye Energy Committee could have a table at the September 18 Car Show and CENH can help facilitate.

Rye Energy Committee voted unanimously to spend \$40 to have a booth at the 9/18 Car Show.

## **4. Heating Systems**

- 4.1. **Add information to REC website** We will all look at the webpage and suggest updates at July meeting.
- 4.2. **Plan heat pump education event** Frank Melanson, in his role as a supervisor for Eversource's energy savings group, can do an analysis of how many homes have done weatherization audits. This is an important first step to improving energy efficiency. Once the home is properly weatherized, the heating system can be "right-sized" to operate optimally. Eversource has money available to provide "Button Up Workshops" for residents. Rye Energy Committee will plan for a Button Up Workshop.

## **5. Updates**

- 5.1. **Building Code Enforcement** Tom met with Chuck Morrison, the building inspector. Rye Energy Committee can leave some educational materials at the Inspectors Office as long as the materials are first approved by Becky Bergeron (Town Manager) and Kim Reed (Planning Department).

The building inspector reported that builders and owners are generally going above and beyond NH state requirements for efficiency.

**5.2.TD Bank Town Hall Annex Update** At this time, the plan is for the renovation to include a propane furnace. Eversource has a municipal program to help with westernization (again so that heating systems can be right sized to work optimally). This could help encourage the use of a heat pump for the renovated building.

**5.3.Breakfast Hill Landfill —> Solar**

No update at this time.

**5.4.School solar/roof project** Scott Marion is meeting with Revision to revise the quote. Because of the need to replace the roof before installing solar, Rye Elementary School solar is on hold.

**6. Community Power/CPCNH Update**

**6.1. Schedule update for Select Board (June 13 or 29(?))** The Select Board needs to be updated and progress needs to be communicated. As soon as action steps are finalized, we will meet with the Select Board and Town Manager to explain next steps.

**6.2. Modifications to Energy Aggregation Plan** The modifications to the Energy Aggregation Plan that was approved by voters will be minimal. The actual Plan will not change, but there will be two appendices added that will explain in depth the issues that the Public Utilities Commission raised questions about. The Select Board has the ability to approve minor modifications.

**6.3. Present EAP Modifications/JPA to Select Board** We will get on the Select Boards agenda when we know the next steps and what the process will be.

**6.4. Procurement Partner discussion** The Rye Energy Committee has consensus that we will use CPCNH as a procurement partner once it is operational. Rye has a seat on the CPCNH Board and is actively involved in setting policies for the organization. CPCNH will develop the necessary policies and agreements to implement

the program. The Select Board will choose to approve the policies and agreements at the appropriate time.

**6.5. Ongoing Community Education - Portsmouth event (see below)**

7. **New Business** The Water District may be putting in a treatment plant; with that, they may consider solar to provide electricity for the treatment plant

Frank Melanson is interested in joining the Rye Energy Committee. Committee voted unanimously to recommend him to the Select Board for appointment to the Rye Energy Committee.

8. **Adjourn** at 4:18 pm; next meeting July 5, 2022

# Portsmouth Community Power Educational Event 6/29/22 at 7pm (flyer attached below)

## The City of Portsmouth is pursuing Community Power – increasing the electric energy options available for all residents

### Community Power Is Coming to You!

To learn more about Community Power join for a live event on: **Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 7PM at 3S Artspace**  
View Events Details & Ticket Information here: <https://www.portsmouthsmartgrowth.org/community-power/>

Community Power, authorized by NH RSA 53-E, allows local governments to procure electric power on behalf of their residents, businesses, and municipal accounts. Community Power empowers towns, cities, and counties to choose their source of electric energy. This program allows residents to take advantage of this pooled supply, stay with Eversource or a 3<sup>rd</sup> party supplier.

#### There are three main components of Community Power:

- Bulk Electricity Purchases
- Electric Distribution Utilities
- The Community Benefits by having access to, for example, green power options

#### Community Power offers several community benefits for residents and businesses including:

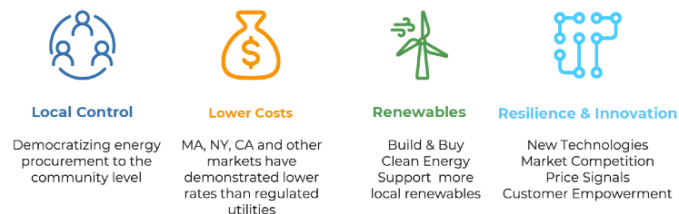
- Local Control
- Competitive Rates
- Availability to Renewables
- Resilience & Innovation

### What is Community Power?

New Hampshire cities, towns, and counties procure electric power supply on behalf of their residents and businesses and provide related services.



### Benefits of Community Power



### Make Your Voice Heard!

We want your feedback and hear your questions to inform Portsmouth's Community Aggregation Electric Plan. In the coming months, the Portsmouth Energy Advisory Committee will be working with the City, and a variety of community stakeholders, to further communicate, educate and continue the dialogue to formulate this Plan.

### JOIN US!

To learn more about Community Power, join the Portsmouth Energy Advisory Committee and Portsmouth Smart Growth for a Community event: <https://www.portsmouthsmartgrowth.org/community-power/>

**Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 3S Artspace  
7PM for a LIVE Event & ZOOM**

#### Event panelists will feature:

- Sam Evans-Brown, ED, Clean Energy NH
- Julia Griffin, Town Manager, Town of Hanover
- Henry P. Herndon, Consultant, CPCNH

For more information about  
Portsmouth Community Power:  
<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/citycouncil/mayors-blue-ribbon-portsmouth-energy-advisory-committee>

