

Rye Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

3:00 PM

Rye Public Library

Approved: October XX

1. Attendance

Howard Kalet, Tom Pfau, Carl Nicolino, Frank Melanson, Lisa Sweet, and guest Katherine Harake katherine@harake4nh.com

2. August Meeting Minutes Approval; agenda review

Minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously with the addition of a description of NHSaves from the NHSaves website.

3. Budget Update (see below)

Budget for next year was discussed. Carl and Tom will attend the Local Energy Solutions workshop with the complimentary tickets from our membership with Clean Energy NH. Frank will also attend with Ever-source.

4. Button Up Workshop

Button Up workshop planning was discussed. It was decided that if we partner with Portsmouth it may be better to host in Portsmouth as the venues can likely accommodate more people. The workshop will be 1.5 hours and include information on improving the energy efficiency of your home. We will have light refreshments and invite neighboring communities. The Button Up workshops are funded by NHSaves. Lisa will coordinate with NHSaves and Portsmouth to pick date, location and get promotional materials finalized.

5. Rye Auto Show

Rye Auto Show is on September 18. Logistics were discussed.

6. Rye 400 celebration

We plan to work on a brochure that documents the history of power in Rye, perhaps detailing grist mills, the advent of electricity and power lines up to the present.

7. Community Power update

An update on Community Power will be written and sent to Select Board members. We are hoping for Select Board approval of the modified Energy Aggregation Plan that was approved by voters in March. The modifications are minor – updating tenses to reflect the progress made to date and adding additional technical explanation of elements that are in the original plan as requested by the Public Utilities Commission.

The Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) has completed a successful Request for Proposals (RFP) process and is negotiating contracts with vendors for Financial and Banking Services, Retail Customer Services, Energy Portfolio Management, and Member Services.

The City of Lebanon (a CPCNH Member) was the first municipality in the state of NH to have its Energy Aggregation Plan approved! The Rye Energy Aggregation Plan is written using a template based on Lebanon's plan.

Once the Select Board approves the modifications to Rye's Energy Aggregation Plan, the town administrator will submit the plan to the Public Utilities Commission. The Energy Committee will assist with this by providing a template and the necessary contacts.

8. School solar update

The installation of solar panels should begin in October.

9. Discuss HPwES participation and heat pump adoption

10. Website review

Did not discuss

11. New Business - none

12. Adjourn - Next meeting October 4, 2022