

Rye Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

3:00 PM

Rye Public Library

1. Attendance - Tom Pfau, Howard Kalet, Silas Proft, Carl Nicolino, Rob Spork, Lisa Sweet
2. June meeting minutes - approved unanimously
3. Community Power update

Lisa provided an update on Community Power. New rates starting August 1st range from 10.9 to 15.2 cents per kWh. Three of the four products are below Eversource's default rate. Less than 1% of customers have opted out and more have opted in. They discussed possibly educating customers and changing the default product to a higher renewable content option.

Power Options <i>Electricity supply rates effective 8/1/23 – 1/31/24</i>		Renewable Content	Rate (¢/kWh)*	Estimated Cost per Month*	6-month Savings*
Utility Default Energy Service	Unitil	23.4%**	13.257 ¢	\$80	N/A
	Liberty		12.612 ¢	\$76	
	Eversource		12.582 ¢	\$75	
Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire	Clean 100	100%	15.2 ¢	\$91	(\$70) - (\$94)
	Clean 50	50%	12.3 ¢	\$74	\$10 - \$34
	Granite Plus	33%	11.3 ¢	\$68	\$46 - \$70
	Granite Basic	23.4%**	10.9 ¢	\$65	\$61 - \$85

* Rates, costs and savings are for residential customers and assume average usage of 600 kWh per month

** The NH Renewable Portfolio Standard requires 23.4% renewable content for power sold between August and December 2023, which will increase to 24.3% beginning in January 2024.

Rye — Customers Served & Opt-Actions (Granite Basic Default)					
	<u>% of Customers</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Default</u>	<u>Opt-up</u>	<u>Opt-in</u>
Total Customers Enrolled		2,752			
Granite Basic (23.4% RE)	98%	2,730	2,693		37
Granite Plus (33% RE)	0%	1		1	-
+ Clean 50 (50% RE)	0%	13		12	1
Clean 100 (100% RE)	0%	8		6	2
Opt-outs	1%	21	TOTAL:	19	40

4. School solar update

Tom provided an update on school solar. They discussed adding monitoring modules to the inverters to track demand charges, which can be up to \$10,000 per year. The school board is considering either a PPA or outright purchase for solar on the elementary school.

5. Breakfast Hill solar project update

Howard provided an update on Breakfast Hill. There are ongoing discussions with the landowner about potentially purchasing the property for a solar farm. There are legal and interconnection issues to work through. Eversource will need to make investments to connect the solar farm to the grid. It is important to try to make progress on purchasing the property so that the project can get into the queue for interconnection.

6. Offshore Wind

Carl summarized the offshore wind discussion. Carl was proposed as the representative for BOEM but Tom Sherman was selected instead. Tom wants to meet with the energy committee in October to discuss offshore wind with Richie White and David Waters.

7. New Business

Rob asked about using leftover budget funds for continuing education. Tom said there is likely around \$1,000 available in the budget. Rob offered to share information on relevant courses and conferences.

8. Adjourn

The committee set meeting dates for September 12 and October 3, with the October meeting running from 3 to 5 pm to accommodate the offshore wind discussion. The meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm.