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Rye Energy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

6:30-8 PM

Rye Public Library

Agenda

Attending - Michele Sopher, Howard Kalet, Susan Anderson

Absent: Danna Truslow, Lucy Neiman, Tom Archibald

Guests – Julie Lapham, Mae Bradshaw

Approved 1/7/14 Minutes

Julie Lapham spoke about EmPower NH. They do presentations about the hows and whys of choosing different energy suppliers. They would not promote ENH, the company that Julie works for. We decided to schedule a presentation. Julie will contact Ann Malpass and do all the arrangements for a presentation and get back to us.

2012 Energy Report Support – Howard and Michele met and came up with a strategy to help each of the six budget areas to record their own information for the annual report. The ultimate goal is that everyone will record their information in Portfolio Manager. They will follow up by meeting with the people in each area.

Jumpline Bill – Susan will contact Nicole Carrier and ask her to delete the REC URL entirely. This also means deleting the RFM site, since it's a link. There is an RFM meeting later this month and Susan will explain to the RFM committee that we are now also on the town website. She will also check to see if we have paid for 2014 and, if so, is there any chance of a rebate.

Mae Bradshaw attended the REC meeting to describe the Monument Lighting issue. The REC agreed to support her letter, explaining why 24/7 lighting of the monument is inconsistent with Rye's (and the REC's) commitment to reduce outdoor lighting, especially in the beach areas. We also expressed concern about its not being in keeping with Rye's rural character and its effect on wildlife, both land and sea.

RREC article for Town Newsletter – Susan forgot to attach the article to the email she sent. You will receive it tomorrow. Please get back to her with any edits.

Town Hall Committee Meeting Update – Michele attended the January 30, 2014 Town Hall Meeting. The discussion seemed geared toward providing information prior to the February 2, 2014 Deliberative Session. Michele will continue to monitor and give input on energy issues to the Town Hall Committee.

Programs – It doesn't seem like we'll be able to organize a program where there would be “field trips” to each building that has improved its energy efficiency. We decided that strategically placed posters for each area, e.g. the Recycling Center's using waste oil as fuel and the savings which the library has shown would be a good way to let the residents know what has been/is being done. We couldn't decide on a phrase to go on each poster as a ersatz logo so that when people see it, they'll come to recognize that it's from the REC, letting them know about the savings that Rye is making in the area of energy

efficiency. We talked about “Spotlight on Energy” but didn't want to use Spotlight, since it uses energy and sunshine on energy doesn't really work. Focus on Energy? Any ideas?

LED Lighting – Howard will write an article for the Town Newsletter and we will be putting his price comparison table on our website.

There is one opening on the Rye Energy Committee. If you are interested, please contact Michele Sopher at msopher@contact.net or Danna Truslow at d.truslow@comcast.net

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 6:30-8 at the Rye Public Library.