

Rye Energy Committee
Meeting Draft Minutes
July 7, 2026, 3:30 PM
Town Hall

1. **Attendance** - Tom Pfau, Jay Mason, Silas Proft, Lisa Sweet; Guest – Howard Kalet
2. **CPCNH Rate Discussion** – new supply rates take effect August 1; all utility supply rates are increasing due to wholesale market conditions, including impacts from geopolitical conflicts and increased electricity demand during the past winter (one of top three most expensive winters according to ISO New England); Eversource rates are increasing by 24% from 11.303¢/kwh to 14.009¢/kwh; RCP/CPCNH rates increasing by <2% from 14.663¢ to 14.949 ¢/kwh for the electricity supply portion of your bill; important to note that Eversource rates from last period resulted in under collections of \$39 million as of May; Eversource testified during rate setting that a rate of 15¢/kwh would be more likely to recover costs, but were directed by the NH PUC to set rate at 14.009; remaining under collections will be factored into future Eversource supply rates; CPCNH rates from last rate period adequately covered costs of energy and allowed CPCNH to complete its recovery and reorganization process following the financial impacts of high 2025 winter energy costs (another top 3 expensive winter) and is positioned to ensure rate stability going forward; while CPCNH offers fiscally responsible and transparent rates, Eversource is a lower rate by a little less than 1¢/kwh; average customer would save about \$6 by purchasing supply from Eversource; RCP supply customers will not see a big change in their supply costs whereas Eversource supply customers will likely notice the increase; energy committee will present briefly to Select Board on 7/27; Lisa will work on updating web page for Rye Community Power
3. **Energize Rye Solar Initiative** – Tom’s work on the website was reviewed and feedback was given; the changes are online, but we need to let the

community know; an info session will be held on 8/12 or 8/19 at Town Hall so it can be attended live or virtually and can be recorded.

4. **New Business** – election of officers: Jay Mason made a motion to nominate Tom Pfau and Lisa Sweet as co-chairs of the energy committee; Silas Proft seconded; motion was approved unanimously
5. **Next Meeting** – 8/4 at 3:30 pm at Town Hall