

SWANS ISLAND ELECTRIC COOP NEWSLETTER

From the Manager:

Our spring line work continues with the restoration of downed lines, clearing right of ways, and getting organized for the good weather season. Our purchases have included additional safety equipment for our clearing and chipping work, needed repairs to the auger truck and line tools. As for the work plan implementation – After conducting a competitive bidding process, we have taken delivery of 24,000 feet of heavy aluminum primary cable and are awaiting delivery of 74 poles in early May. We will no longer be storing poles in front of the office and have arranged for a storage yard on property adjacent to the town recreational field on Atlantic Road. We will be building a proper crib to contain the poles in the next few weeks. Once the poles are in hand we plan to have a rock drilling rig come to Swans Island to spend a few days to finish up our work on Atlantic Loop RD and Atlantic RD between Marguerite Staples' house and the TDS switching station. Our survey of poles on Frenchboro is ongoing

relocation of a number of them to allow better access for maintenance.

We can also report our submission to the ME Public Utilities Commission of proposed tariff revisions governing our Low Income Assistance Program. These changes will allow SIEC to fully distribute electric bill credits to our low income members who qualify under the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) Home Energy Assistance Program. The procedure we have been using did not allow a full distribution of the benefit and our undistributed funds were returned each year to the MSHA funding pool. The proposed tariff revision has no impact on our rates and fees and will bring SIEC in line with the industry norm in Maine. If anyone is interested in the details please contact me.

From the Board:

Your Cooperative will conduct its second Quarterly Community update on Tuesday evening April 24th, at 6:30 PM at the Swans Island Library. Everyone is invited to attend.

This update will feature the results of the formal Wind Power Feasibility Study and will mark the first of several presentations aimed at educating the community on what a Wind Power Project might mean for Swan's Island & Frenchboro.

A presentation for Frenchboro is scheduled for 1200 Noon, Wednesday April 25th at the Frenchboro Town Office.

We will also be making the presentation at our Annual Meeting July 26th at the Odd Fellows Hall on Swan's Island and on July 27th on Frenchboro. This second presentation will give our seasonal members a chance to hear the results of the Study and to ask questions.

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We will also be posting the Study on the Town's Wind Power Website and we will make several hard-copy books containing the Study available at the Swan's Island Library so that it can be checked out and studied at length.

We invite everyone to join us on April 24th for the Wind Power presentation at the Swan's Island Library.

- ELECTRIC CO-OP OFFICE HOURS
- PHONE # 526-4336
- 7:30 AM TO 4:00 PM MON - FRI
- OFFICE MAY BE CLOSED BETWEEN 11:00 AM AND 12:00 PM FOR LUNCH.
- OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON HOLIDAYS.

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