

NEWSLETTER – SWAN’S ISLAND ELECTRIC CO–OP

MANAGER: JEFFREY ELLISON

Right of way clearing has resumed. If you know of an area that needs clearing, please let me know. (207) 479-0657. We have cleaned the two 10,000 gallon fuel tanks on the SIEC lot and they are ready to be taken away.

Please clear snow away from your meters so Ruth can read your meters safely.

The board reiterated its policy on meter disconnections and/or removal at the January 8 monthly meeting. If a member requests that their meter be removed or turned off, they will still have to pay the monthly meter charge for the time it was removed if they have it reconnected within 12 months.

There would also be a reconnection charge. Sorry, but the financial health of the SIEC can not withstand attempts to reduce revenues. SIEC costs continue whether

There is a one-time exception to this rule for those who are undertaking a major renovation to their property and request a voluntary and temporary disconnection of the meter from the structure being served. Renovations and repairs of this magnitude are usually documented and approved by the Swan’s island Planning Board and usually requires the establishment of separate, temporary power at the building location.

In the Spring, we will be borrowing \$60,000 to start pole and wire replacement on Frenchboro.

Stay warm,
SIEC Manager

From the Board:

The SIEC will be conducting its Winter Community Quarterly Update during the latter half of February at a date and time to be announced.

We continue to study the improvements to our Terms & Conditions as well as necessary updates to our 1984 By-Laws. We are continuing our study of the benefits and costs of a merger with a larger utility such as Emera. We are searching for ways to accommodate the interests shown by the membership in the area of alternative energy.

Of interest to many of our members will be the completion of an eight month report by Tom McAloon – former SIEC manager – who has been studying ways that Maine’s unbridged islands can deliver electric power more affordably and in a more sustainable way. Tom’s report is expected to touch on the questions of

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alternative energy and the benefits and perils of utility consolidation.

Tom’s work has been conducted independently from our Board’s work in these areas, but his report is sure to inform and he has agreed to present some of his findings at our Winter update in February. We’ll also include his report on our website for those members in warmer climates.

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

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