

SWANS ISLAND ELECTRIC COOP NEWSLETTER

From the Manager:

We continue to make progress on system improvements. On June 25th WINKUMPAUGH constructors mobilized to Swans Island with a rock drill, earth augur and backhoe. By the end of the week, despite a 1-day breakdown of the rock drill, 30 poles had been installed. In addition to the critical electric junctions at Atlantic & Ferry Road and Stockbridge Hill and Atlantic Road, we completed the pole installations needed to create a new feed to Atlantic Loop / Rose Hills Roads. We will now concentrate on completing the Atlantic Loop project and submitting our first loan request to Rural Utilities Services (RUS). This loan advance will be used to pay down our bridge loan from the Cooperative Finance Corporation thereby freeing up borrowing capacity to proceed with new work. The week of pole installations has been a good test run for the expected greater logistical challenges we will face on Frenchboro.

We can also report progress with our discussions with the Maine DOT for the expansion of the substation easement at the

ferry terminal property. The existing easement straddles the ferry terminal property line and is too small for a new substation and to provide access for repair / maintenance. The expanded easement will provide a 20' strip on the terminal side of the existing substation from the shore to town right of way and a further 30' clearing easement. We hope to have a completed substation design by late August.

On the administrative side of the house we will be advertising in July for a 1/2 time position of Billing Clerk in the hopes of having the position filled in August. This change will allow Gwen May to concentrate on her meter reading duties after a long stretch of doing double (and triple!) duty. Our members will also be pleased to hear that our lead lineman, Ralph Murphy, will be working with us 4 days/week beginning in late July. Both of these staff changes will help us keep the ongoing SIEC improvements on track.

Finally, we expect to have visits from technical representatives of both the RUS and PUC in July. The purpose of the visits will be to get familiar with the infrastructure challenges we

From the Board:

Our Annual Meeting on Thursday, July 26th is fast approaching. Plan to join us at the Odd Fellows Hall at 7 PM for dessert, coffee, and soft drinks as we review the past year's happenings and forecast anticipated developments for the year ahead. This is your chance to vote for new Board members or to reelect serving members – if you are satisfied with the job they are doing. Every year three Board members out of the nine are up for re-election. This year, Sonny Sprague, George Baker (Frenchboro) and Charlie Wiegler's seat will be voted on. Sonny and George have decided to run again and have been nominated, but Charlie has decided to step down to devote more time to his Fire Department and Emergency Management duties.

Besides voting to fill Board seats, the program for Annual Meeting will include reports from the Board President (Ed Schwabe), the Board Treasurer (Jeffrey Ellison) and our Manager. Of interest to our many seasonal members, we will also review the results of

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Wind Power Feasibility Study which was concluded this Spring. Suzanne MacDonald from the Island Institute will be present to review the results of the Study with her team and answer questions. The Island Institute reps and SIEC Manager will present the Study results on Frenchboro on Friday July 27th from 9 to 11 a.m.

And while we have dispensed with the award of the many, many door prizes for this year's meeting, we are considering an end-of meeting raffle for a handful of hefty prizes consisting of credits to your individual power bills. Details to follow at the meeting.

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- 7:30 AM TO 4:00 PM MON - FRI
- OFFICE MAY BE CLOSED BETWEEN 11:00 AM AND 12:00 PM FOR LUNCH.
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