



JULY 2024

2024 Annual Meeting: New Location for an Old Tradition



The 85th Annual Meeting of Members featured a little business and a lot of fun at one of New Hampshire's premiere destinations – Owl's Nest Resort in Thornton.

More than 100 members, guests and NHEC employees gathered to renew acquaintances, hear updates from senior leaders about the performance of the Cooperative in 2023 and the Strategic Plan for the company's future.

Despite temperatures in the mid-90's, a few hardy members hit the pickleball courts and golf course before the meeting, courtesy of Owl's Nest and NHEC. Others stayed close to the water for paddle boarding and swimming. Thank you to Owl's Nest Resort for its discounted and free activities for members!



If you haven't been to Annual Meeting in a while (or ever), make plans to join us next year! As a member of the Cooperative, you can make your voice heard in the operation of the business...and have a little fun, too. All members are welcome to attend.

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NHEC is grateful for the support of Northway Bank and its sponsorship of our 2024 Annual Meeting! Thanks to Northway Bank and our other business sponsors, NHEC was able to hold its 2024 Annual Meeting at no cost to our members.

With roots in New Hampshire dating back over 140 years, Northway Bank is one of the largest

independent commercial banks in the region, an SBA preferred lender, and a leading home lender. They serve customers in 17 branches throughout New Hampshire.

Like NHEC, Northway Bank takes pride in helping their customers, businesses and communities thrive. Learn more at www.northwaybank.com.

Four Members Elected to NHEC Board of Directors

Members of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) elected four individuals to its board of directors.

Jeffrey Morrill of Holderness, Patricia Barbour of Lee, Leo Dwyer of Sandwich and Jerry Stringham of North Woodstock received the most votes and will serve three-year terms. Nine candidates ran to fill four seats on the 11-member board of directors.



Jeffrey Morrill



Patricia Barbour



Leo Dwyer



Jerry Stringham

Voters rejected a proposed amendment to the NHEC Code of Bylaws after it failed to reach the required supermajority approval of 66% of the votes cast. Election results were announced at NHEC's 85th Annual Meeting, held June 18 at Owl's Nest Resort in Thornton.

Below are the full results of the 2024 Board of Directors Election.

FOR THREE-YEAR TERM (*elected)

*Jeffrey Morrill - 3,757
*Patricia Barbour - 3,701
*Leo Dwyer - 3,175
*Jerry Stringham - 2,968
Paul Bolduc - 2,892
Peter Laufenberg - 2,608
Brenda Boisvert - 2,521
Brian Norton - 1,885
James Krull - 1,661

BYLAW AMENDMENT

(requires two-thirds majority for passage)

NO - 3,450 (53.4%)
YES - 3,012 (46.6%)

At its organizational meeting, the Board of Directors elected the following officers to serve one-year terms:

Chair of the Board: Bill Darcy
Vice Chair of the Board: Alana Albee
Treasurer: Leo Dwyer
Assistant Treasurer: Jerry Stringham
Secretary: Jeffrey Morrill

Flip Your Fridge or Freezer, Get \$75 and Free Pickup!

Your inefficient, working refrigerator or freezer may be costing you up to \$90 a year in operating costs. If you are looking to replace it or just get rid of a secondary unit you no longer need, you can receive a no-cost pickup, have it responsibly recycled, and receive a \$75 rebate through December 31, 2024.

Your choice to recycle instead of using other disposal options will help curtail growing peak load demand, prevent the release of greenhouse gases and ensure that over 90% of the unit is being properly recycled by Resilient Buildings Group (RBG)*, our contracted vendor.

How It Works:

- 1. Eligibility:** Offer available for Residential members only; limit two units per year; units must be in working condition.
- 2. Schedule Your Pickup:** Have your electric account number ready for verification, and contact RBG to schedule free pickup by phone at 833-864-1607 or email recycling@rbgnh.com
- 3. Receive Your Rebate:** Allow 6-8 weeks after pickup for incentive processing.

*RBG works with different subcontractors for at home pickups and recycling. The subcontractor responsible for your pickup will be confirmed at the time of scheduling.

Check Rebate Details & Eligibility Requirements:

nhsaves.com/residential/refrigerator-and-freezer-recycling

NH Broadband Is Coming to Meredith

It's time to cut the copper cable connection. NH Broadband, the fiber fast and affordable internet service, is on its way.

By late August, NHEC members in Meredith can begin connecting to NH Broadband, the Co-op's wholly-owned subsidiary that is bringing high-speed and dependable internet to rural New Hampshire.



Ann Sprague

"Everyone in Meredith is so excited that NH Broadband is coming. We're excited to see the Co-op putting up those fiber optic lines," said Meredith resident Ann Sprague. "Everyone is looking for a good internet provider through NH Broadband."

The same member-owned utility that's provided power to Meredith and other Granite State towns for the past 85 years will be delivering this affordable, essential service at speeds up to 2 Gig per second. Sign up now! Go to: www.nhbroadband.com, click on 'Check Availability' and get on the installation list.

It's time. Go fast. Go local. Go NH Broadband.

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THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

NHEC Foundation Awards 2nd Quarter Grants

Grants totaling more than \$60,000 will support 15 nonprofits that are working to improve the quality of life in NHEC service territory.

The NHEC Foundation was created to support the nonprofits that support our members. Since 2006, it's awarded more than \$4 million in grants to deserving organizations from Derry to Colebrook.

More than 40,000 NHEC members fund the NHEC Foundation through their participation in the Round Up program. Join Round Up and your electric bill is rounded up to the next dollar, with the spare change donated to the NHEC Foundation. It's easy to join Round Up online, just visit: www.nhec.com/round-up-program.

Thank you!

ORGANIZATION	GRANT AMOUNT	DISTRICT
Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country	\$4,673	Plymouth
American Red Cross of NH/VT	\$10,000	Statewide
Bridge Project	\$5,000	Plymouth
Circle Program	\$6,000	Plymouth
Community Solutions	\$2,500	Statewide
Easterseals of NH	\$2,500	Statewide
Franconia Soaring Foundation	\$3,000	Conway
Franklin Opera House	\$4,000	Plymouth/Meredith
Friends Program	\$3,500	Andover/Meredith
Granite State Adaptive	\$2,400	Meredith/Conway
Green Mountain Conservation Group	\$5,000	Ossipee/Conway
Interlakes Community Caregivers	\$3,000	Meredith
Pope Memorial Library	\$3,500	Conway
Powerhouse Theatre Collaboration	\$1,500	Alton
Way Station	\$5,000	Conway
2024 QUARTER 2 TOTAL	\$61,573	



EMPLOYEE PROFILE Lonnie Wujcik: Leading the Line

PLYMOUTH – A Flatlander? Ha!

“I’ve been here long enough that I’m no longer considered a flatlander,” smiled Lineworker Lonnie Wujcik, who was born in Rhode Island and moved to the Granite State in his childhood. He’s lived here ever since.

Lonnie, who has worked at the Co-op for the past 10 years, recently moved into the role of lead, supervising the installation, removal or maintenance of electrical equipment.

“It’s helped me understand people and their personalities, kind of what makes them tick, which helps you and comes in very handy to make the job go smooth,” he said about the work, noting that it’s also made him a better communicator, especially when working in teams.

“There’s a lot that goes into being a lineman. You miss a lot of birthdays, holidays, anniversaries,” said Lonnie who has two children with summer birthdays – a son who will turn 16 and a daughter looking at 21.

“You miss a lot of big life events,” he said, “but it’s true for every person that works here. Storms affect everybody so it affects everybody’s family.”

When he’s off the clock, Lonnie, who does some hunting, said he mostly enjoys relaxing and hanging out with his family. And a lot of fishing.