

Feature Story:

New Members Join NHEC Board at 72nd Annual Meeting

Two newcomers and one incumbent won seats on the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) Board of Directors, company officials announced June 8 at the 72nd Annual Meeting of Members.

Returning to the Board for a three-year term is Harry Viens of Center Harbor. He will be joined by two new members – Joan Aubrey of Jackson and Bruce Wiggett of Plymouth.

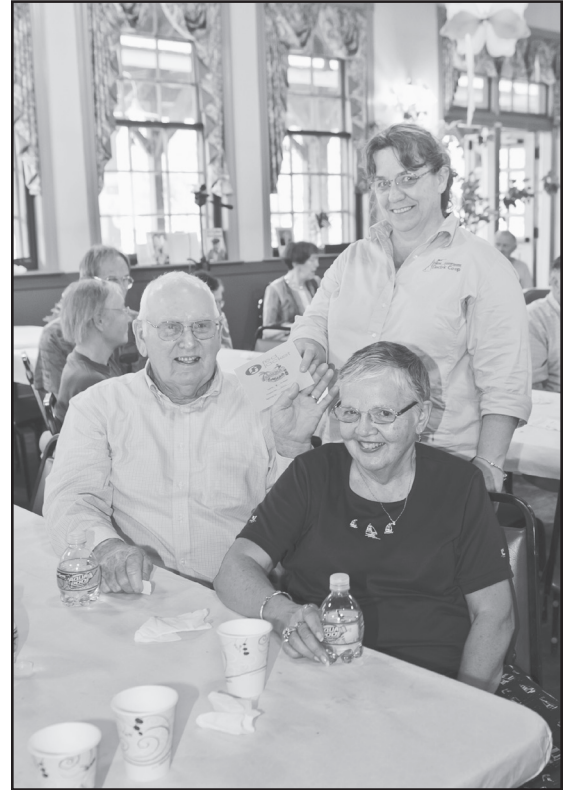
Aubrey has 25 years of electric utility experience, working for Northeast Utilities in a variety of management positions including strategic planning, electric power pricing, electric power portfolio management and financial instruments. She has a BS in engineering from the University of Wisconsin and an MBA in Finance from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Wiggett also has prior electric utility experience, working in various Accounting capacities for Public Service of New Hampshire. After leaving PSNH, he became Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation. Wiggett went on to teach accounting and finance at his alma mater, Plymouth State University, a position he still holds.

Board members were elected by NHEC members, who cast ballots annually to fill seats on the 11-member Board of Directors. This year, more than 8,700 members cast ballots.

Although she did not win re-election to the Board, Gail Paine of Intervale was honored at the Annual Meeting for her 30 years of dedicated service to NHEC and the electric cooperative industry nationwide. Also honored was Chip Kimball of Sandwich, who is stepping down from the Board due to term limit requirements after 15 years of service.

The election results were announced at the 72nd NHEC Annual Meeting of Members, which was held June 8 at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center. Prior to the meeting, approximately 130 members and guests enjoyed a spaghetti dinner donated by the Italian Farmhouse of Plymouth, a member of the Common Man family of restaurants. Donations raised at the meeting were donated to the Senior Center.



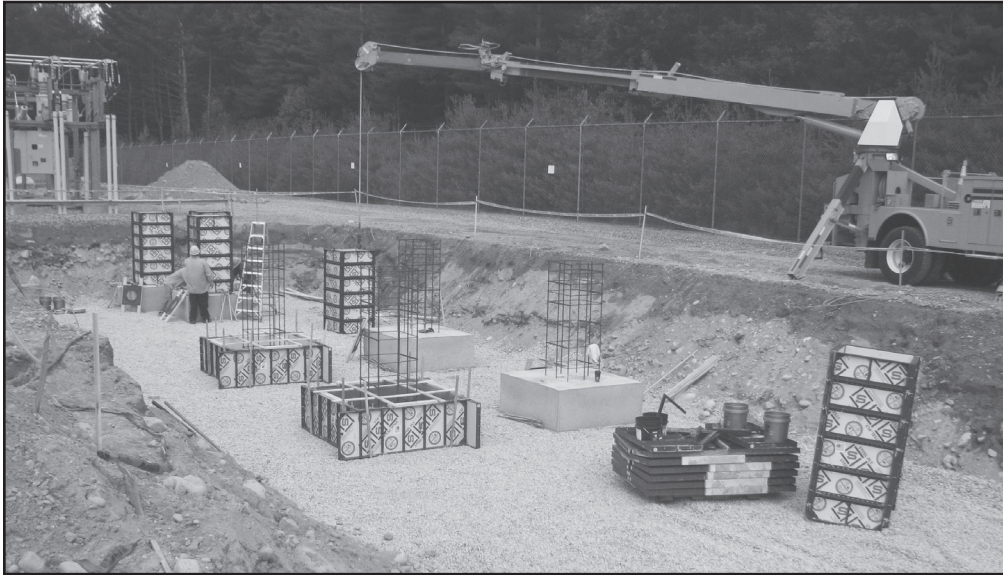
There were plenty of winners at the post-meeting raffle, including these two lucky members who won a gift certificate to the Kabuna Lagoona at the Red Jacket Inn in North Conway.

Busy Summer Ahead As AMI Project Hits High Gear

With the installation of “smart meters” in four towns over the past month, NHEC’s Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project is underway. Members in parts of Meredith, Plymouth, Rumney and Campton were the first to receive new meters, which are capable of wirelessly reporting their readings. Representatives of Utility Partners of America, contracted by NHEC to perform meter installations for the project, will continue upgrading meters throughout July and August in parts of the following towns: Campton, Center Harbor, Ellsworth, Groton, Hebron, Holderness, Meredith, New Hampton, Plymouth, Rumney.

Members scheduled to receive a new meter will be notified by mail approximately one month before the installation. The installation requires a momentary interruption of power; however you do not need to be home when the installer arrives. NHEC encourages members to learn more about the AMI project online at www.nhec.coop, or by calling NHEC Member Solutions at 1-800-698-2007.

Building for the Future



Work is underway on the planned expansion of the Intervale substation.

Summer construction is in full swing and NHEC engineers have a full plate of system improvements underway across the state.

Conway Upgrades

A new substation scheduled to go online this fall will improve system reliability in the Co-op's Conway District area. The 12 kilovolt (kV) substation being built next to the existing Intervale substation will relieve heavy loading on the Jackson, North Conway and Glen substations, as well as provide an alternate source of power in the event of outages affecting these other substations.

Plymouth Upgrades

NHEC is close to completing phase one of upgrades to the distribution system serving the downtown Plymouth area. Line crews are rebuilding poles and lines in the area of McDonald's down to the National Guard Armory in preparation for converting the system from 5 kV to 12 kV service. This work will set the stage for the planned rebuild next summer of the Green Street substation, which provides power to the downtown area. The upgrade of the Green Street substation will enable a redundant tie between the Rumney, Bridgewater and Fairgrounds Road substations, allowing for multiple ways to power downtown Plymouth.

Raymond Upgrades

NHEC will be re-establishing an underground tie between the Brentwood Metering Point and the Chester Substation in preparation for a rebuilding and upgrade of the Brentwood Substation next summer. The work will allow for redundant feeds to the area, reducing outage times for members served by either source.

Tamworth Upgrades

To accommodate load growth in the area and meet the growing power needs of King Pine Ski Area, NHEC is upgrading a mile of line in Tamworth. The rebuild will include an upgrade of conductor size as well as the installation of capacitors and voltage regulators to ensure a consistent, reliable power supply to the area.

Watts Happening

Board of Directors Meetings

The NHEC Board of Directors regularly meets on the last Tuesday of each month at the Cooperative's headquarters in Plymouth. Please check the Board of Directors page on the Co-op website at www.nhec.coop, or call Sharon Yeaton at (603) 536-8801 to confirm the current month's meeting time and location.

ROW Clearing Calls

A new service from your Co-op aims to give you a heads-up when we're in the area to clear vegetation around poles and wires. If the utility pole serving your property is part of a route scheduled for clearing, you'll get an automated call notifying you of the upcoming work. It's part of an initiative by NHEC to keep members informed about right-of-way clearing and the importance of vegetation management in maintaining reliable power. To ensure timely communications, please make sure your phone numbers are up to date on your NHEC account. To update account information, please call NHEC Member Solutions at 1-800-698-2007. Learn more about NHEC's Vegetation Management program and see a list of current cutting locations on our website at www.nhec.com/row_clearing.

Co-op Classifieds – Free Ads for Members Only

Cleaning out the basement or garage? Get a jump on the yard sale and put that stuff up for sale in the online Co-op Classifieds. Ads are free of charge for members and there's no limit to how many ads you can post. To get started, register online for free at www.nhec.coop and follow the link from your account homepage to place a free classified ad.



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