

your electric Co-op's newsletter October 2020

Briefly...

CANDIDATES WANTED FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NHEC is seeking members to serve on the company's Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee reviews the qualifications of potential candidates seeking election to the NHEC Board of Directors and nominates a slate of candidates to run for the open seats. Interested members are encouraged to apply. For more information about time requirements and applying to be considered, contact Sharon Yeaton at 603-536-8801, or yeatons@nhec.com.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

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

CALL US FOR FLEXIBLE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

COVID-19 has been a financial challenge for many members. If you're behind on your NHEC bill, please don't hesitate to call us 1-800-698-2007. We've got flexible payment arrangements that can meet your needs. We can also help with referrals to other programs and resources.

ROUND UP FOR COMMUNITY!

The NHEC Foundation has been a lifeline for many non-profits and charities during the COVID-19 pandemic, and it's all thanks to you! More than 40,000 NHEC members fund the Foundation's grants by participating in the Round Up Program. For an average contribution of 50 cents a month, Round Up puts your small change to work! Learn more or sign up here: <https://www.nhec.com/round-up-program/>

Special Election to Decide Direction on Broadband

NHEC members are voting in a special election this month on proposed changes to the company bylaws that would make it easier for NHEC to provide access to broadband internet for its members.

The amendments need a two-thirds majority of members voting to pass. Results of the election are being announced at a Special Meeting of Members on October 20 and will be available online at www.nhec.com/broadband.

The member vote marks a milestone in NHEC's efforts to expand access to broadband internet to its members. The NHEC Board has explored ways it could help improve access to broadband internet for several years, but the COVID-19 pandemic has added urgency to those efforts. In response to NHEC members' requests for help, the NHEC Board has voted unanimously to recommend passage of the proposed bylaw amendments.

While focused on the same goal - expanding broadband to members - the bylaw changes being proposed are different from the proposed amendment to NHEC's Certificate of Organization that fell just short of the two-thirds required for passage earlier this year. The bylaw changes being voted on this month would allow NHEC to move quickly and efficiently to pursue broadband opportunities, and would have been required even if the earlier vote had passed. Learn more about NHEC's broadband efforts at www.nhec.com/broadband.

NHEC Lineworker Scholarship

Austin Tallman first considered a career as a lineworker after a presentation at Plymouth Regional High School by NHEC lineworkers. Now a 2020 graduate of PRHS, Austin is the first recipient of the \$2,500 NHEC Lineworker Scholarship! Austin is enrolled in the electrical lineworker training program at Northwest Lineman College in Florida. Learn more about NHEC scholarships in the MY CO-OP menu at www.nhec.com.



Heat Pump Water Heaters for Next to Nothing!

With a sale price of \$999 and a \$750 rebate from NHEC, heat pump water heaters are within everyone's reach!

Head to your nearest Lowe's Home Improvement store for this exclusive offer on the most efficient water heating technology available. From now until the end of 2020, Lowe's is offering the A. O. Smith Signature Premier™ 50-gallon heat pump water heater for just \$999. NHEC members can knock \$750 off that price with their members-only mail-in rebate. And when you apply the one-time federal tax credit of \$300, **you can actually make MORE in incentives and tax credits than the cost of the unit!**

Heat Pump Water Heaters use less than half the energy of standard electric water heaters. They also dehumidify the spaces they occupy, like closets and basements. Learn more about how heat pumps can save you energy and money: www.nhec.com/heat-pumps/

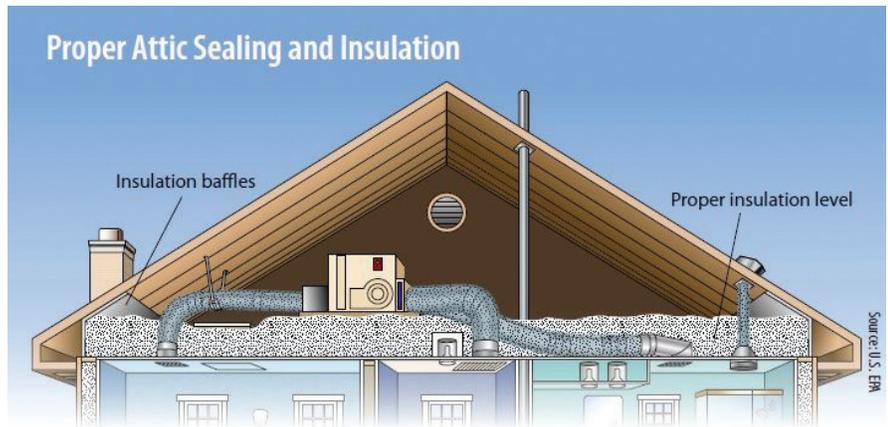


Does Your Attic Measure Up?

This fall, take the first step to savings by measuring your attic's insulation so you can "Rule Your Attic!" According to the U.S. Department of Energy, attics in New Hampshire's climate should have 16" - 18" of fiberglass or cellulose insulation.

Sealing air leaks around your home and adding insulation can help you be more comfortable and can save up to 11% on your home's energy bills.

Does your attic's insulation measure up? This heating season, find out and start saving!



To learn how to Seal and Insulate with ENERGY STAR please visit www.energystar.gov/sealandinsulate.



SmartHub: Get It To Go!

Manage your NHEC account anywhere with the convenience of the SmartHub app for your mobile device. The SmartHub app is free and available for your iOS or Android device, or scan the code here.

With SmartHub, you can:

- View your hourly electric usage
- Pay your bill
- Go Paperless
- Set recurring payments
- View billing history
- Receive text or email alerts
- Connect with NHEC on social media



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