

Public Policy Team: The Public Policy Team met on Tuesday March 21 st . The team discussed three bills before the state legislature -- LD1444, LD1248, and LD1782-- that would come up for votes soon. With respect to LD1444, a bill that would eliminate gross energy billing and raise the maximum number of participants in a community solar project from 10 to 50, Tom used a numerical example to show exactly how gross energy billing works and how it would affect a typical solar customer's bill. The team also went over an analysis (by Vaughan Woodruff) that shows that the costs of the additional meters required for implementation of gross energy billing would likely exceed any revenue that program would derive. This, of course, would mean that sustaining the governor's veto would raise ratepayer costs, the exact opposite of the message those seeking to have the veto sustained are stating. Anyone who would like a copy of the minutes and these documents, should contact Tom at thtieten@colby.edu and he will email you a copy. Our next meeting will be held on April 17 th at 6:00pm in the REM Conference Room at 31 Temple Street in Waterville.