

FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMISSION

MINUTES

August 20, 2024, 4:30 PM

In attendance: Fitz, Daniel, Bob, Eric, Chris

Minutes from June Energy Commission meetings approved.

Community Aggregate Power

- Paperwork complete, Andrew Hatch of CPCNH confirmed that Franconia ready to start with CPCNH in October. Residents received a USPS notification.
- Andrew will present on Franconia Community Power at a public meeting at the Town Hall August 27 @ 4 PM
- Although there is currently no provision for net metering under the CPCNH, information on this will be forthcoming in Aug/Sep.

Franconia Town Hall Solar Energy System

- A correction of the pre-refiling registration for IRA federal funds was completed on 6/25. Franconia received a registration number 7/17. Tax filing for the IRA funds, ~ \$17,000, to be completed by Franconia/Libby/Belinda by 11/15/2024.

Franconia Ice Rink

- The Opalinskis received a USDA grant in the amount of \$450,000 for the ice rink project.

Municipal Buildings Heat Pumps

- To be continued:
 - Dan and Bob will work with the library on insulation and heat pumps.
 - Fitz will dig into discussion with TH about replacing the oil heating system with heat pumps, as well as gather information about who services the heating system (with Eric) as well as the heating load.

Other Funding Results and Opportunities: NH Department of Energy, USDA, NBRC, ARPA...

- Franconia Soaring Foundation received funding for their solar energy system, enabling the new Soaring Foundation building to be net zero energy.
- There are ~ \$107,000 ARPA funds available through 2024 for suitable projects. BOS discussed projects at the 9/19 meeting. Funds will likely be used as 10% town matching of a FEMA award for culvert repair, if the project meets the ARPA funds criteria.

Goings on about town

- Broadband meeting 9/25@ Town Hall, 5:30-7:30

Next meeting: Our next meeting is September 24, 2024 @ 4:30 in the Town Hall

Meeting Adjourned 5:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Dubé