**FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**January 12, 2016; 4:30 pm**

In attendance: Bob T, Chip S, Karen F, Fitz, Eric M, Kim C, Dave S, and visitor David Van Houten

Annual Report: We reviewed the draft for the Town’s annual report. A few questions arose. Electricity usage looks high for the Safety Services building given that the report reflects only 6 months. We should investigate. The Mittersill Firehouse electrical usage also looks high. Is there an electric space heater? Pete of the Water Dept works out of this building. We should also check on this. The report and the spreadsheet were approved for passing on to the Selectmen.

Energy Chapter for the Master Plan: Fitz presented a slightly revised version which we reviewed and approved for passing on to the Planning Board.

Water Department: Chip presented the proposal for energy efficiency upgrades to the McGowen Hill building. Upgrades include: weather stripping of entry doors, installation of removable insulated covers over the vents above the entry doors, the addition of R-38 blown-in cellulose over the existing fiberglass in the attic and the installation of two R39 removable polyisocyanurate panels to cover the hatches. At a cost of $1,815 for materials, approximately 1,377 gallons of propane would be saved annually. At current price of $2.67/gal the savings amounts to $363.12 with a payback of 5 years. (These figures were revised from the original letter, which stated a lower R rating for cellulose.) Chip will send to the Water Department. Thanks to Chip and Bob for your analysis of the situation and preparing the proposal!

Streetlights: Eric confirmed that the Selectmen are okay with getting an estimate from Corey Electric. (Basically they are okay with anything that does not cost money.) Dave will contact Corey.

Highway Garage: A number of members are interested in getting a tour of the new Littleton Highway Garage. Fitz will make the contact and suggest a workable date. We hope to get some good ideas for our own garage.

Solarize: The campaign kick-off will be held on Jan 24 at Polly’s Pancake at 4pm. David VH passed out flyers. Other events include information sessions at Fitz’s on Jan 30, Easton Town Hall on Feb 6, and Dave Strange’s on Feb 28.

The meeting adjourned at 6pm.