**FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**October 18, 2016; 4:30 pm**

In attendance: Fitz, Karen F, Chip S, Eric M, Kim C

Streetlight Conversion to LED

The RFP went out to 7 NH vendors at the end of September with a “reply by Oct 31.” Karen will call each of the vendors early next week to see if they have questions. Between now and the next meeting, we should think about the criteria for rating the proposals.

As a result of Dave’s cruise with Chief John, it appears that we will be able to shut off 77 lights and retrofit about 65. We will order 70. The exact numbers will not be determined until we have reviewed the proposals. We also want to give Towns people another opportunity for input.

Solar

Fitz is still eager to set up some solar installation on a Town building with group net metering. Eric reported on the previous evening’s proposal by Trevor Presby to sell his Safe Place building to the Town. That roof faces south and could be ideal. However, the building is not actually for sale until 2018.

New Town Administrator

Fitz gave a good rationale to have the collection of town energy data and uploading to the EPA website incorporated into the job description for the new town administrator. Eric will take care of this.

Property Tax Exemption

The current exemption is capped at 20kW. Fitz would like to see that raised because more and larger installations are on the horizon. He also suggested that the exemption application be placed on the Energy webpage and emphasized that one has to apply for this exemption. It is not automatic with the solar permit.

Next meeting: November 9, Wednesday, 4:30.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm.