**FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**November 9, 2016; 4:30 pm**

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

Streetlight Conversion to LED- The committee reviewed the three proposals: Rays, Lightec, and Corey. We went through each proposal and scored it based on a list of criteria. Fitz planned to contact the Town Administrator for Lancaster to probe his experience with Ray’s work on its LED conversion. He also suggested that we take a trip to Lancaster and see the results. Lightec’s proposal was the most expensive and also the most comprehensive. We assumed that Lightec would sub all the work out to local contractors. Corey’s came in the least expensive but we all had questions about how comprehensive it was. Fitz and Dave will meet with Jeff Corey and ask the following questions:

- Can he help with the Eversource rebate application?

- Could he be more specific regarding the project's scheduling (lamp and fixture order lead time; start date and end date of relamping), keeping in mind that we have to wait until after the early March town meeting and vote?

- We will ask our local transfer station whether or not they can accept the old lamps and fixtures, but does he have a back-up plan if ours is not available?

- He mentioned in the RFP that he has a 35' working limit.  Has he determined that 35' is sufficient to do all our poles?

- A couple members of our committee who are also on other life safety committees in the town feel that traffic control everywhere will be needed.  Would he incorporate that into his RFP.

- Does he have previous experience with streetlight LED conversions?  Can he provide a few references?

- His RFP is based on the purchase of 148 LED lamps, but we stated that between 40-60 may be shut off.  Does he have a figure per light that we can deduct from the full project cost for the disconnected lights?

- Can he help educate us on the proper wattage and lumen choices?

 Dave and Fitz will report on their meeting at our next meeting.

Town Tax Assessment for Solar-The current limit for tax exemption is 5k. Shall we seek to raise that?

New Business

 Presby has approached the Town about its interest in buying his building adjacent to the Highway Garage. The Select Board is putting together a committee. The building’s roof could hold solar panels.

 On Tuesday Nov 15 at 7 pm, a Community meeting will be held to brainstorm ways to improve the Town. This is made possible through the MTAG grant.

 There are 3 finalists for the Town Administrator position. One will be invited back. Technology and accounting skills would be an asset.

 A private home owner is meeting with ARET to discuss selling participation in a community solar project.

 Kim requested energy data for the Town Building so Wills Electric can hook up a generator. Karen will download from the EPA Portfolio Manager and send to Kim.

 There is an energy conference in Concord on Saturday. Can anyone go?

Next meeting: December 13, Tuesday, 4:30.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm. Respectfully submitted-Karen Foss