**FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**December 13, 2016; 4:30 pm**

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

The Climate Reality Project – Lindsay Halvorson visited and explained her project to spread the idea of ski towns becoming 100% committed to renewable electricity by 2030. The ski areas that have committed so far are Bellair and Whiteface. They do not offer financing or consulting. Lindsay suggested that a good place to start is talking with our town boards about onsite generation, PPAs, and buying RECs. Fitz was particularly interested in a template for action-politically.

Annual Report – Chip will write it this year. Karen will provide the numbers; perhaps in a pie chart.

Streetlight Conversion Project – Fitz and Dave reported on their meeting with Corey. Since Eversource owns the wiring, they will need to do any repairs if needed. They will also have to dismantle any lights that are turned off at $300 each. We will get a new contract from Corey showing the replacement of 70 lights for $18,571 ($265/light). And Eversource will remove 70 lights for $21,000. We will draw up a warrant article for 70/70 and after the town vote, we will send out another RFP. Regarding the disposal plan, Lancaster will take the metal and we will have to dispose of the bulbs. The general consensus on the temperature of the LED bulbs is 4000 (Littleton, Lancaster, Brooklyn). Fitz reported that Lancaster town manager advised leaving more lights on. At installation time, one flagger will be needed according to the state. We are in the cue for the rebate.

Community Solar – A 300k project is going to happen in Lisbon associated with Doug Gray and about 15 other users and investors.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 4:30 at WGB.

The meeting adjourned at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Foss