

Franconia Energy Commission
Meeting Minutes
7/23/13

Attendees: Jack Cook, Mogens Jessen, John Lachapelle
Absent: Kim Cowles, Mark Prell, Bob Tortorice

Minutes of the last FEC meeting, 4/15/13, were approved.

- Tank Removal: John Lachapelle reported that the fuel oil tank, no longer needed for the Safety Services building has been removed. Buried oil tanks for the Town Hall and the Mittersill Firehouse were replaced a few years ago by free-standing tanks. It has been discovered that the old buried tanks are nearly full of oil, which the Town plans to sell, if possible, before the tanks are dug out this Fall.
- Town Electric Power Provider: The Town has contracted NextEra Energy Services New Hampshire to supply its electric power for the coming three years, starting in August, at a fixed rate of \$.07853/ KWh. That is about 0.8¢ less than the new, lowered PSNH rate, which is likely to rise during the coming years. One penny difference saves the Town about \$1,400 per year (not including schools).
- Lafayette School Commission Member: It is our hope that a Lafayette School Board member will enjoy an FEC membership. [Kim Cowles has volunteered to approach LSB members she knows.](#)
- School Bus Energy Usage: [Jack Cook and Dan Crosby of AmmEnergy will approach Sandra Stone of the SAU to decide how to address the problem of accessing these data.](#)
- Transfer Station Upgrade: Jack Cook reported a meeting with Greg Wells and Bob Tortorice wherein it was decided to 1) investigate the purchase of sliding plastic slats to cover the back opening of the cardboard bin to block the wind that blows through there in the Winter, 2) repair the damaged door posts and casings, and at the same time to widen the opening by as much as 6" to make the opening flush with the bin walls, and 3) investigate the addition of ice deflectors on the roof, front and back, for personnel and client safety. [Greg will follow up these items, and Jack will help in any way he can.](#) It was suggested at the meeting that restricting the height of the front opening to the bin might further block the air throughput, and at the same time, make clear to people that boxes must be broken down to get them into the bin. [Jack will explore this with Greg.](#)

- LED Streetlights: Jack and Mogens started this investigation last quarter, and determined that we can do little until PSNH has established an LED streetlight rate base. That is supposed to happen this year. Questions arising in this meeting revealed that we must understand much more about 1) the ownership of the streetlights, 2) possible options the Town may have in handling the expense of changeover (it *might* be included in the rate base), and 3) how much control the Town may have over the design and/or functioning of the lights (will the fixture waste light on the sky or on someone's front windows?). [Mogens will follow this up with Randy Perkins at PSNH, \(cell phone 533-2950, randy.perkins@nu.com\) and keep Jack and Kim in the loop.](#)
- 2012-2013 Town Energy Data: This year we have more time to get these data together before publication of the Annual Financial Report.

[Jack will gather the data for electricity, heating oil, and propane use.](#)

[Mogens will provide forms for Town Hall Staff to complete in order to capture the gasoline and diesel fuel used by the Town's vehicles and machinery.](#)

Let's have the results in time for our next FEC quarterly meeting, on or about Tuesday, October 22, so we can decide how best to present the information for the Franconia Financial Report

- Commission Membership: [John will let us know the residence rules for Commission membership.](#)

Respectfully submitted, Jack Cook