

## FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMISSION

### MINUTES

August 15, 2023, 4:30 PM

In attendance: Fitz, Dan, Chuck, David, Eric, Chris

Minutes from July Energy Commission meeting approved.

#### Lafayette Regional School Solar System update

- The new principal, Amy Kopp, started in July. August 17 will be the first school board meeting with the new principal. Given a busy schedule as the new principal and about to start the new school year, Fitz and Chris will follow up with the School Board in September to renew discussions that the FEC had started with the Board about pursuing a solar energy system for the school.
- Fitz is working on a federal grant (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant through the DOE) for financial support of this project. He has requested a letter from the town stating that it is in full support of this project.
- The new school roof has been completed.

#### Franconia Municipal Solar Energy System behind the Town Hall

- Town Hall was notified by Eversource on Jul 21 that the Certificate of Completion (COC) was on-hold due to an issue with the electrical disconnect at the combined (TH/WC) meter. As installed, there was a circuit breaker at the combined meter. Eversource did not accept this as a disconnect and requires a knife disconnect at this meter. On August 1 the electrician for the installer, Mains Electric, installed the knife disconnect, as required by Eversource. The installer, Barrington Power, sent photos sent to Eversource that week to address the issue with the COC.
- Eversource said in the Jul 21 email that once the information demonstrating the installation of the knife disconnect is provided, Eversource will initiate the replacement of the existing meter with a new "net meter".
- Matt Koehler of Eversource has also communicated by email and phone that he is working with Eversource engineering to expedite review of the revised CoC.

#### Community Ice Rink

- The community ice rink project by Jennifer and John Opalinski will be represented by Jennifer at the Sept 19<sup>th</sup> FEC meeting.

#### NH Clean Diesel (DERA) Grant Program

- The NH Clean Diesel Grant Program is now accepting proposals for the Summer 2023 Request for Proposals (RFP). [Visit the NH Department of Environmental Services \(NHDES\) website to access the RFP, application forms, and supporting documents.](#)
- NHDES currently has over \$800,000 available for this RFP for projects including:
- Replacing old diesels with new diesels
- Replacing any diesels with EVs and certain propane/CNG units
- Repowering diesel-powered boats and ships

- Installing idle reduction technology
- Eligible applicants include NH towns and cities, school districts, state agencies, non-profits, and businesses serving NH. This round **closes September 15, 2023 at 4:00p**

#### NH Solar Land Leasing for Solar Fields

- Lease your land and bring clean solar power to your local community
- Partner with ReVision Energy to host a solar farm on your land
- Details available on the ReVision Solar website <https://www.revisionenergy.com/solar-products/for-business/land-leasing>
- Webinar Sep 27 at noon and 5:30

Next meeting: Sep 19, 2023

Meeting Adjourned 5:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Dubé