

FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 21, 2025, 4:30 PM

In attendance: Fitz, Dan, David, Chris

Minutes from December Energy Commission meeting were approved.

Franconia Town Hall Solar Energy System

- The year-end balance with Eversource is a credit of \$938.03.

Town Financial Report for 2024

- Submissions for the town report by February 15, 2025, per email from Jenny.
- The FEC will submit:
 - A summary of 2024 minutes (Dan)
 - A table of town energy usage (all)
 - A brief summary of array performance and associated financial data (Chris)
 - CPCNH savings for Franconia and residents (Fitz)
- Town energy usage data gathering is complete, except for school bus fuel usage.

EV Charging Facilities

- Dan met with representatives of the Franconia Soaring Foundation about Level 2 charging stations. They are supportive of locating them for convenience of users of the glider port and the Franconia Inn.
- Dan is also following up on how to implement commercial billing.

Franconia Solar Expansion

- A possible site for expansion is the Heritage Museum. The museum board supports an array on their site.

Replacement of town buildings' fossil fuel heating with heat pumps

- Restart energy audits, as part of reviewing town energy usage.

Ongoing Business

- Welcome Center Project Completion: a rough scope of work was received from Allan Clark. It involves eliminating all poles on town property, adding decorative parking lot street lights and removing the utility poles along Route 18 until the pole beyond the library. At that pole the utilities would go overhead across Route 18 to the new pole that was set near the library property line to the south. Allan believes that from that pole all conduit was installed to the area of the new transformer by the Welcome center.
- Justin Poulin was the electrician involved and Thad Presby the excavator. Eversource, telephone and cable companies were all involved.
- The project fell apart when the Selectmen and Kim had a parting of ways. The temporary Town Admin alienated anyone involved.

Next meeting: February 18, 2024 @ 4:30 in the Town Hall

Meeting Adjourned 5:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Dubé