

FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 15, 2024, 4:30 PM

In attendance: Fitz, Daniel, Serena, Bob, Eric, Chris, Chuck

Welcome to the energy commission Serena!

Minutes from the September Energy Commission meeting were not ready for approval.

Local Energy Solutions Conference Nov 1, 8-4:30, Manchester, NH

- For more information see [//www.cleanenergy nh.org/lesconerence](http://www.cleanenergy nh.org/lesconerence)

Franconia Community Power

- Franconia Community Power, a member of the Community Power Coalition of NH, started October 1, 2024.
- The base rate for CPCNH is 8.6 cents per kilowatt-hour (¢/kWh) from August 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025. The current Eversource rate is 10.4 ¢/kWh.
- Net metering customers, such as the Town Hall/Welcome Center, currently cannot participate in the CPCNH.

Franconia Town Hall Solar Energy System

- Tax filing for the IRA funds, \$17,100, to be completed by Franconia/Libby/Belinda by 11/15/2024. Completing preparation, not yet filed.
- Current balance with Eversource is \$981.48

Municipal Buildings Heat Pumps

- Fitz connected with Corey Rush about replacing fossil fuel heating systems with heat pumps, as well as gather information about who services the heating system (with Eric) as well as the heating load.
 - Too late for the Town Hall, which received new oil boilers spring 2024.
- A mini-split heat pump system is being installed in the Heritage Museum.

Town Report Energy Consumption

- Chuck is spearheading a plan for gathering town energy consumption data for the FY 2024 report. Data to be submitted by January 1, 2025.

EV Charging Stations

- Dan has been driving ☺ installation of local EV charging stations. He reported that Tesla is now providing a more affordable commercial two-charger Level 2 charging station, which, it is hoped, will promote wider adoption by businesses.
 - Discussions are underway with Franconia Inn and the Glider Port.

Lafayette School Solar

- The FEC is promoting a solar PV system for the Lafayette Regional School, again.
- Outreach on this with the school includes;
 - Meeting with the LRS schoolboard, to include a presentation of a proposal for a rooftop array.
 - Pursuit of local, state and federal funding opportunities.

2024 Annual Net Zero Energy Conference

- Bob will attend a conference, sponsored by Eversource, on building the next generation of zero energy buildings.
- This conference was on 10/16/2024

Ongoing Business

- Welcome Center Project: Pole removal
- Dow Lighting proposal

Next meeting: November 19, 2024 @ 4:30 in the Town Hall

Meeting Adjourned 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Dubé