

FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
November 19, 2024, 4:30 PM

In attendance: Fitz, Serena, Eric, Chris

Minutes from the October Energy Commission meeting were approved.

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.
- Franconia contract with Nextera extends through September, 2025. The town will request a quote from Nextera for the purpose of obtaining a comparison rate, however, the town will not enter into a new contract with them.

Franconia Town Hall Solar Energy System

- Tax filing for the IRA funds, 30% of \$55,000 system cost for \$16,500, completed and submitted by Libby/Plodzick & Sanderson
- Franconia received a rebate for the solar system of \$3072.00 from the NH Department of Energy
- Current balance with Eversource: +\$1097.56

Municipal Buildings Heat Pumps

- 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 (July 1, 2023-June 30,2024) report. Data to be submitted for the town report by February 1, 2025.
- Fitz is reaching out to SAU 35 about December data turnaround for report submission by February 1.
- Serena will track down Mittersill old fire station electric bill.

Lafayette School Solar

- The FEC is promoting a solar PV system for the Lafayette Regional School, again.
- Outreach on this with the school includes;
 - Serena reaching out to members of the LRS schoolboard.
 - A presentation of a proposal for a rooftop array, as well as addressing concerns by the board, including roof warranty, roof load-bearing capability and how it will benefit the school.
 - Pursuit of local, state and federal funding opportunities.

Ongoing Business

- Welcome Center Project: pole removal
- Dow lighting proposal
- New member recruiting, such as from Solarize campaign

Next meeting: December 17, 2024 @ 4:30 in the Town Hall

Meeting Adjourned 5:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Dubé