

FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 21, 2024, 4:30 PM

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

Minutes from April Energy Commission meetings approved.

Community Aggregate Power

- Chuck has been active as one of Franconia's representatives on the Community Power Coalition of NH Board with attendance to coalition webinars and working with Eric to complete paperwork to start with CPCNH in October.
- Although there is currently no provision for net metering under the CPCNH, information on this will be forthcoming in Aug/Sep

Franconia Town Hall Solar Energy System

- Prefiling registration for IRA federal funds was submitted May 13. Submission by May 15 automatically qualified Franconia for 6-month extension on tax filing with the IRS. Franconia also qualified for 30% of installation cost (project < 1 MW DC).
- Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) with the aggregator Knollwood Energy in process. The certificates are \$27/1000 kWh of production. This energy credit is projected to have an annual value to the town of ~ \$600.

Franconia Ice Rink

- John and Jennifer Opalinski completed submission for a NBRC Catalyst Program grant (\$500,000) to bring a sustainable, green energy ice rink to Franconia.
- Town manager Libby Staples has organized a rink feasibility advisory group.
 - The next meeting of this group, June 13 @ 5:30, Town Hall, will generate a concrete list of thoughts/ideas/ concerns regarding both the location and the overall impact on the town and to solidify a plan to present the findings to the BOS.

Municipal Buildings Heat Pumps

- The Franconia Heritage Museum is pursuing heat pumps.
- Dan and Bob will work with the library on insulation and heat pumps.

NH Department of Energy

- Fitz will work with Libby to pursue funding to expand the TH array and put a solar system on the library.
- The rules for funding opportunities will be available by the end of the year.

Next meeting: June 18, 2024

Meeting Adjourned 5:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Dubé