

FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 11, 2017; 4:30 pm

In attendance: Fitz, Karen F, Chip S, Eric M, Dave S

Annual Report – Chip wrote a draft. We reviewed it and made a few suggestions. Karen is still working on the energy data part. The reports are due into the Town by January 31.

Streetlight Conversion Project –Dave wrote a draft of a warrant article for the March annual meeting. We reviewed it and made a few suggestions.

We also debated whether we should abandon the idea of shutting any of the streetlights off because: 1) it's more expensive than converting to LED and Eversource has to do it; 2) we do not know the effect less light will have on the ambience of the town; 3) getting public input is proving difficult; 3) the Lancaster town manager advised, when in doubt, leave more lights on; 4) resolves the uncertainty in an RFP regarding number of lights to be shut off and number of lights to convert. On the other side, shutting off and removing a number of lights results in the greatest long term savings. We decided to postpone the decision until after the presentation at the annual meeting.

New Business:

Transfer Station-There was a discussion about how effective the heavy plastic strips screening the work space are. Given that the back of the work space is still open to the elements, it is hard to assess. The transfer station used 155 gallons more propane during the 2015-16 season than the previous year. The commission might research what could be done to close off the back of the building to preserve the heat.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Feb. 15 at 4:30 at WGB.

The meeting adjourned at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Foss