

FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 28, 2017; 4:30 pm

In attendance: Bob T, Kim C, Karen F, Chip S, Dave S

Guest: Ken Eastman

Streetlight Conversion Project

Chip, Dave and Karen addressed the voters when the Warrant article about the project came up. There were a few questions mainly about the Kelvin brightness. The questions might have gone on longer, however, someone called the question, and a voice vote was taken. It seemed to pass enthusiastically.

Ken Eastman was invited to this meeting because he had called Karen subsequent to the Town Meeting with his own questions about the streetlight project. He was concerned about the lights at the bridges over the Gale River. He was also curious about maintenance and warranty and the Kelvin of the new lights. He reported that 2700 Kelvin looks similar to HPS and 3000-4000 Kelvin are bad for your health. We replied that we were leaning toward the 2700 and had no intention of installing the much brighter Kelvin. But we assured him that we intend to keep the center of town well lit.

We returned to the topic of how we decide what lights to keep on and which to shut off. Chip recommended a brighter green ribbon. And what about timing and notification to towns' people? And we seemed to be right back where we were last August.

Kim calculated that the electricity cost of one light amounts to \$75/year. At that point we decided that we would keep all the lights on. Dave made the motion and Chip seconded to replace all 142 lights with LED. So voted.

Karen will work on a revised RFP and send it out to Corey, Ray's, and LighTec. Holly, the Town Administrator, forwarded news that the Municipal Authority Funding Agency has reduced its lending fees and Karen said she would call to see if our project qualifies.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18 at 4:30 at WGB.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Foss