**FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**April 16, 2019; 4:45 pm**

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

Absent: Chuck, Bob

Minutes of March meeting were approved.

Follow up to Paul Foss’s Solar Idea: Eric brought it up at BOS and PB meetings. Their reactions seemed to focus of financing. Until so much more of the project comes into focus, a discussion of financing is premature. Paul was looking for basic interest on their part to determine whether or not we should spend time on exploring possibilities. Fitz will touch base with Margo and Paul. The idea was mentioned at the ARET meeting. Chip will contact Gordie J. to inquire about the LES roof replacement schedule. LES is the most logical project to undertake. It consumes 170,288 kwh/year and costs $28,973. It would be worth eliminating that expense.

Energy Commission Mission Statement: Chip and Fitz will look into the Town Master Plan for mention of an energy policy. Dave and Karen will also work on a draft modeled after Littleton’s.

EPA Data Collection to Jen: Karen will follow up with Jen.

Solar Ordinance: ARET is looking into this and can have one written for $3,500. Will Franconia contribute $500? The general sentiment is not to rush, but wait for a grant.

New Business:

* Bethlehem has an energy commission.

Next meeting: May 22, 4:45. Dave will facilitate.

Meeting concluded at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Foss