**FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**April 18, 2017; 4:30 pm**

In attendance: Bob T, Kim C, Fitz, Karen F, Eric M

Guest: Ken Eastman

Streetlight Conversion Project

 We reviewed the history of the RFP process.

 Eric reported that the Planning Board is concerned with aesthetics and the quality of light. We assured Eric to report back to the PB that we share the same concern. Lancaster installed LED with 4,000 lumens; Whitefield installed 3,500. The AMA suggests nothing greater than 3,000.

 Ray’s Electric bid is in. Corey’s and LighTec’s bids are due by the 22. We will discuss the bids at the May 2 meeting. Ken wants to know about warranties. Will the bids include the photo electric sensors?

 Karen reported on the financing opportunity through the Municipal Financing Authority and that it is a much longer application involving the expense of bond counsel. Our application would be wrapped into a much larger state financing. We are already past the deadline, but we could be squeezed in. We agreed that the CDFA is still the better option.

 Fitz will call Eversource to make sure that the rebate funds are still available.

Other Business

 Eric talked with Lindsay Halverson of 100% committed. He reported on the Town’s votes for solar exemption and LED project warrant articles.

 Future Projects? What is Lafayette School doing? Bob offered to have his daughter propose a solar installation.

 ARET is pursuing a Community Solar Array in Lisbon. There is a presentation at the library on Thursday at 4:30.

 The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May2 at 4:00 pm at WGB.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Foss