**FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**May 2, 2017; 4:30 pm**

In attendance: Bob T, Chip S, Fitz, Karen F

Guest: Ken Eastman

Streetlight Conversion Project

 We reviewed the proposals. All proposals satisfied the criteria in terms of completeness and qualifications. The costs of the project were presented as follows:

LighTec at $54,119

Ray’s Electric at $50,755

Corey’s Electric at $35,875

Affinity LED at $33,730

 We debated Affinity’s lowest bid and Corey’s next lowest. The local business has an advantage in many ways: proximity for repairs, excellent local reputation, personally known to members of the committee. Affinity included client references for six NH towns. It uses a CREE light instead of a Phillips. We still had a few questions for both companies and decided to start by meeting with Corey at the earliest convenience. Fitz set up a meeting for May 5, 9 am.

Fitz and Eric attended the 4/25 Planning Board meeting to address their concerns about lumens. A few of the members will go to Whitefield to see their test lights. Fitz sited the AMA recommendation that LED lumens above 3,000k are too white, bright and may have long term health effects. All members of the committee share the concern for the brightness of light and are taking that into consideration in planning.

Other Business

 Bob is gathering information for a prospective solar installation at the Lafayette School. Three prospects are a direct sale and one is a long term lease basis. Chip will contact Gordie Johnk.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Foss