**FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**May 12, 2020; 4:30 pm via zoom**

In attendance: Karen F, Eric M, Chuck L, Fitz, Dave S, Kim C, Chip S, Bob T

Guests: Dawn Steele

Warming hut/Public Bathroom Continued:

A revised plan was presented. Kim asked if the storage area could be expanded by 5’ by moving the interior walls to the left. Kathe T, who has revised the sketch, brought up the following questions so that more accurate estimates could be obtained:

* Vinyl siding choices: higher end looks like clapboard (“smart side”) and is lower maintenance;
* Windows – no windows on the north side for energy conservation;
* Build in access to attic for storage?;
* Electrical panel in the mechanical room, plus inverters and equipment;
* Artec decking;
* On the west side, a window becomes a door and another window is added.

Kathe was thanked again for her work on this project.

There was more discussion about Northern Boarders receiving two grants from the same town. Is there money for two projects? Kim said it looks like we are competing with the Water Dept and, therefore, we should wait a year. We are also unsure as to whether the Water Dept will actually send in an application. We will find that out before the next meeting. We decided to move forward with the application and complete it as best we can.

There is a quote for demolishing the old building and removing it for $4,500 plus a $650 asbestos survey. Kim and Chip peeked into the ceiling and there is no asbestos.

Fitz has learned that the PUC incentive is $5,000 (not $10,000) because the solar installation is not big enough for the larger amount.

Fitz will ask Michelle Grey of the North Country Council to review the application.

Kim will find out if the Water Dept is planning to submit a grant application.

Letters of support need to be collected from the Board of Selectmen, the Chambers of Commerce of Franconia, Bethlehem, and Twin Mountain.

Next meeting: May 19 at 4:30 via Zoom to review the construction budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Foss