Franconia Energy Commission Meeting with Select Board

June 27, 2016; 3:30 p.m.

Energy Committee Present: Kim C, Karen F, Dave S, Chip S, Bob T

Select Board and Town Present: Eric M, John L, Bernie C, Sally S, Herbie B, John M-Police Chief

We explained the lighting project including the shutting off of some streetlights and the conversion of the balance to LED; the 55% savings to be achieved; the 3.3 year payback. All seemed interested. John suggested that one of us join him on a ride around town to gauge the impact of shutting off some lights and Dave spoke up for that. John L suggested that the Road Agent and Fire Chief also have an opportunity to weigh in on the lights targeted for shut. There was a question about the Eversource incentive and Bob replied that our proposal and application should be into Eversource by the end of Sept/early October to be eligible for funding in 2017.

When asked about how this project would be paid for, we said that it could either be put on the CIP schedule or be funded through a loan with the CDFA (low interest rate and cash flow positive in first year), John said that the latter sounded more attractive.

Sally mentioned that the Fire Dept is planning to have a public meeting later in the summer and perhaps the lighting project could also be discussed at the meeting. We agreed that would be timely. Before that point we should: (1) have had the specific poles marked for shut-off, (2) the safety departments should have inspected these poles, (3) and the citizenry should have been notified that their comments will be addressed at the public meeting.

Notice of the project, its timing, and the public meeting could be done via the Town’s website, flyers around town, a public notice advertisement.