**FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**August 19, 2016; 4:30 pm**

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

Streetlight Conversion to LED

 The poles have been marked. Dave and Fitz will drive around and make sure all roads have been covered.

 Fitz and Karen attended the public hearings on Aug 3 and 17 and set up a table with information about the project. Some people were interested and expressed questions or concerns. We are still gathering comments and concerns.

 The next step is to review the green-flagged poles with the Chief of Police. Dave will call to make an appointment.

 Fitz has talked with the State DOT for some guidance, too.

 We feel we should put a notice in the paper to spread the word and solicit feedback.

 Karen will flesh out the RFP, bring it to the committee for review, and then send it to Randy at Eversource for his suggestions.

 The warrant article for March 2017 will refer to the Energy Report in the back for more details about the project including quality of light and anticipated savings.

Other business:

 Lafayette Elementary School has done about $60,000 worth of energy efficiency projects this summer including replacing doors and windows and adding insulation.

 Energy Data: The reporting year has ended and Karen will collect all the energy data to be put up on the EPA Portfolio Manager and begin to create the spreadsheet for the annual report.

 C PACE Program: Fitz introduced this new concept to explore. www.cpace-nh.com

Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) is an innovative program that makes it possible for owners of commercial and industrial properties to obtain affordable, long-term financing for energy-efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Property owners pay for the improvements over time through a voluntary “Special Assessment” on their property tax bill.  Capital provided under the C-PACE program is secured by a lien on the property and the loan obligation transfers automatically to the next owner if the property is sold. C-PACE requires no public funding.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.