**FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**September 17, 2019; 4:45 pm**

In attendance: Fitz, Karen F, Eric M, Chuck L, Chip S

Absent: Kim, Bob, Dave

Profile Solar: The group has met 4 or 5 times throughout the summer and will present their information to the School Board on Thursday Sept 19 at 6:15. Their aim is to get a warrant article in the annual report in March.

Energy Mission Statement: Fitz has composed a draft as follows:

It is the mission of the Franconia Energy Commission to both reduce the carbon footprint of the Town of Franconia and save tax payer dollars by analyzing the town’s energy use and recommend energy solutions.

Energy Capital Reserve: A member suggested that these funds could come from the Northern Pass Defense Fund, now that Northern Pass is dead. How can the use be changed? How much is in the fund? We should try to get an ECR in front of the line. Karen will write a draft and bring to the next meeting.

The Lafayette Elementary School Board meeting – Karen will attend the next one and ask what the Board is doing for energy conservation.

EPA Portfolio Manager data collection: Jen is having trouble. Fitz suggested that Melissa Elander can help train.

Water System Audit – Luis Adano at NH DES is the contact for a free audit. Application deadline is 12/1. Karen will mention this to Joan Hartford.

Electric Car Charging Station – Jess Wilcox, NH Clean Cities, should be contacted. A good location would be between the library and the town building.

100% Renewable Town – no new news; research shows we can make up our own rules. We need a plan; such as:

 When a heating plant is replaced, replace with a renewable;

 Address departments and show them their energy use;

 Investigate performance contracting. Karen will get a list of vendors.

Next meeting: Chip will chair on October 15, Tuesday, 4:45 pm at Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Foss