**FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**October 15, 2019; 4:45 pm**

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

Absent: Kim, Bob, Dave, Fitz

Minutes of the Sept 15 meeting were reviewed and, with one correction, were approved and will be sent to Kim for uploading to the town website.

Mission Statement – We re-read it and the consensus is that it is short, sweet, and still appropriate. Chip will ask Kim to upload it to the website.

An Energy Capital Reserve fund was discussed at the last BOS meeting. Holly will seek advice from the lawyer. Donations may have to be returned to donors. Chip will ask Margo Connors what was done in Sugar Hill.

Water Department Energy Audit – Karen brought the DES application to their regular meeting. Joan Hartford said that they will discuss and let us know. Karen reported that Luis Adorno at the DES said that 20-25% energy savings is usually achievable. It would also be a great learning opportunity for the new members of the commission.

Electric Car Charging Station – no news.

EPA Portfolio Manager data collection – Karen suggested that she and Jen might share the task this year as a ramp to get Jen up to speed. We might also contact Melissa Elander who could show us some shortcuts.

100% Renewable Town – still a good idea and a stretch goal. Lots of incremental steps can get us there.

 a. Karen has a list of performance contractors that we could present to the BOS to see if they are interested. (EEI Services in Manchester, NORESCO in Concord, AMERESCO in Framingham MA).

 b. Chip will revise the sample Littleton Energy Plan to suit Franconia.

Profile High School Solar – There is progress and the team will meet again with the School Board on Thurs.

Lafayette Elementary School – Chip will ask Toni B for the details of energy efficiency improvements done in the past few years.

Franconia Solar – Melissa Elander met with the BOS to explain solar opportunities. Holly had gathered the tax maps and highlighted the town-owned parcels. The Energy Commission reviewed the same maps at this meeting and concluded that the Transfer Station lot may be the only viable location for a solar installation.

Next meeting: Chuck will chair on Nov 19, Tuesday, 4:45 pm at Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Foss