**FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**November 20, 2018**

In attendance: Fitz, Karen F, Dave S, Chip S, Eric M, Chuck Lukasic (new member)

Since last meeting, Fitz and Dave inspected the Recycling Station lot and learned that most of the land is in flood plain. Therefore, the cost of insuring solar panels would cancel out the benefits. We concluded that we first need a viable site, and next we explore the financing possibilities. Karen will contact Margo Connors (Sugar Hill Select Board) for information regarding Sugar Hill’s proposed tracker.

Eric has returned the Town Building Audit report that was done several years ago. A lot of measures for the Town Hall have already been done; the Safety Services building was replaced; but the Town Garage still has a lot of problems.

Jenny Monahan, secretary to Town Administrator, will take over the EPA Portfolio Manager data entry as of January 1, in order to build in a more permanent routine for tracking and using town energy information.

Chip will contact Tony at Lafayette School to ask if they have replaced their lighting with LED, the “low hanging fruit” of conservation measures.

Fitz reported that the Littleton Energy Committee takes their EPA data and meets with town department heads. Should we do likewise? Department Heads should be accountable for the energy they use in their buildings and vehicles. Eric will keep this in mind as the upcoming budget meetings get underway.

Next meeting: Dec 18, Tuesday, 4:30.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm. Respectfully submitted – Karen Foss