**FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

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

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

Absent: Bob T, Dave S, Kim C

Minutes of the November 19 meeting were reviewed and voted upon.

We checked the website and confirmed that the mission statement is up.

Status of CR fund for energy: Eric is to follow up on using the Northern Pass funds. Fitz commented that it makes sense to have some money to kick start projects. Chip recommended a warrant article. Eric said that letters will probably have to go out to the Northern Pass donors.

DES Audit of Water Department: Karen is contemplating doing the application next year. She’ll check on a new deadline.

There was a cameo appearance from Santa.

Town Energy Plan (modeled after Littleton’s) will go to the BOS (Eric). Chip thinks it is achievable; it’s simple and good to do.

Performance Contracting: Karen spoke to Mike Davey at EEI. He said that the bigger the scope of the project, the better. He is willing to come to a meeting in the new year. Chip will talk to Toni to inquire if LRS has an interest in joining in. Karen mentioned it to the BOS and they are in favor of exploring.

Profile Solar: 3 solid bids are in. A warrant article to be voted upon at the annual meeting will be brought to the school board on Thurs.

Solar Ordinance: Fitz reiterated its importance.

Town Solar: Jill Brewer has contacted Fitz for ideas; roof and panels over the rink? The Northern Border Commission is a conduit for a federal grant. Franconia could get 50%. Revision Energy could aggregate buildings, put up solar funded through a PPA.

EV charging station: an application can be procured.

Next meeting: January 21, 2020. Gilbert Brown of Community Choice Aggregation will visit and speak about combining users’ buying power of electricity and insisting that it come from renewable sources. Fitz will send some educational links.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Foss