

FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 19, 2021, 4:30 pm

In attendance: Eric M, Chuck L, Fitz, Dave S

Minutes from the previous were approved.

Discussion of latest news on the proposed Welcome Center including likely timeframe of project commencement, how busy local economy is, current material prices, impact of recent anonymous donation and formation of a Welcome Center committee.

All committee members expressed an interest in having an Energy Committee representative on the Welcome Center committee. Eric pointed out that a public meeting is required when a donation of over \$10,000 occurs. The proposed project also included paving the parking lot and construction of a concrete walkway from parking lot to the building.

Chip suggested an EV station, courtesy WiFi, and a bike maintenance station should also be included in the project.

Discussion moved to the subject of drafting solar ordinance by reviewing ordinances already adopted by other towns. Fitz suggested dividing up a particular ordinance between members for review and discussion next meeting. This was agreed and Town Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance was selected to be divided among committee members.

The issue of portfolio manager was again raised; Chip stated he had yet to look into it.

The next topic was an energy chapter for the town's Master Plan. Fitz said he would look at Town of Epping's section on energy and suggested Bob T. look at NH Public Utility Commission regulations.

Under Any Other Business, Fitz mentioned an energy consultant contracted by Eversource was going to be in the North Country on May 20th and suggested it might be possible to have the consultant look at town buildings including the Emergency Services Building. He would look into it.

Next meeting: June 17, 2021, 4:30pm

Meeting adjourned 5:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
David Strange