

Franconia Energy Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2023
at Town Hall

Present: Chuck L., J. Fitz (sec'y), Chris D., David S., Daniel Z. Guest Jeff Blodgett. Absent: Eric M., Bob T.

-Community Power:

Jeff Blodgett attending due to an interest in community power purchasing, so we did that item first. Fitz gave talking points to Eric who went to select board to introduce steps the town would have to take to implement. Targeting 2025 town meeting for formal adoption. Right now, we are shadowing the process ongoing in Sugar Hill who hope for formal adoption in 2024. The first step is to form a committee of interested residents. Adding the community power handout to the town website and trying to sign up interested residents at old Home day is planned

Chris: energy user manual for residents would be a useful tool.

-Minutes approved

-Basecamp EV station is functional. It's a straight plug in and it works affair. No app needed. However, Plugshare is a place where donations can be made, or in the shop itself. Dan may be able to get a Tesla plug for it as well. He will try and get the article from Courier to post on the town website.

-town array. Continuing to wait on Eversource to inspect, replace meter. Contacts and complaints have been ongoing. Chris will contact the electrician since we've recently been in touch with Eversource, Ted, and Barrington. Everyone is frustrated but it's a 30-year investment. Bethlehem has been experiencing similar frustrations.

-Lafayette school. No new news. Getting new principal onboard at the moment. Chris has email contacts of people on school board, when school winds down, more attention will happen. Roof replacement date unknown. Officially forming a committee is probable next step. There is no July board meeting. We missed the current round of grant applications.

-Soaring Foundation building. Chris composed and circulated letters of support. Our interest is making the new building as green as possible.

-Solarize campaign. a Bethlehem couple is leading the effort. Initial organizing meeting will take place at 7pm, June 6th at Bethlehem library.

-Ice rink project. No action at the moment.