

Franconia Energy Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2022 at 4:30pm  
at Town Hall

It is the mission of the Franconia Energy Commission to both reduce the carbon footprint of the Town of Franconia and save tax payer dollars by analyzing the town's energy use and recommend energy solutions. (Bob and Daniel still working on an edit/addition to this mission statement)

Chuck- got a response to his query about why we didn't receive the grant, but no real useful or new information about how to improve for the future. We batted about a future NBRC grant for a covered ice rink with a solar panel roof. Chip to contact Opalinski's to feel them out on the idea.

Daniel- latest on chargers, electric car event. Daniel has checked into the details of various car charging possibilities for the new "municipal complex" but the enthusiasm needed beyond this committee hasn't appeared. It's a bit of a tough sell, numerous details and payment systems, along with possible loss of parking spaces. He will keep watching for funding and or other options. He and Chuck recently sent a letter putting Franconia in the running for possible future funding.

Electric car event in Bethlehem went well. Great weather, quite a few cars/trucks available for test drives. Many conversations. Pretty well attended for such an event.

Chris- latest on town hall solar. Still waiting on the transformer, but it looks as if there might be a benefit in delaying operation until after Jan. 1 due to new federal legislation that should rebate up to 30% of the cost to the town. We decided to contact Allan and the installer to delay the beginning of service.

Eric- community aggregated power. Eric, Daniel and Fitz attended the presentation in Sugar Hill about community aggregated power. Something Franconia should look into. The PUC has finally approved the rules pertaining to the legislation from more than a year ago so towns can actually do this now. Over a dozen are ready to go. Sugar Hill is moving forward.

Fitz-emergency services building audit has been discussed with NH CDF and Resilient building. Grant funds are available for partial payment of an audit for the building.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Submitted by,  
James Fitzpatrick