

FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 17, 2021, 4:30 pm

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Discussion of latest news on the proposed Welcome Center was the first item on the agenda. Eric stated there to be no official committee planned, but input would be taken from individuals.

Chip stated a lot of work had been put by Energy Committee members over the past year and was concerned energy conservation measures might not be a priority in the building construction.

Eric stated a public meeting on the matter was scheduled for June 28, 2021 re the large donation for the Welcome Center project as required by state law. Note: The meeting has been subsequently rescheduled to 5:30 pm, July 26, 2021 at Lafayette Regional School.

Fitz stated that any solar pv panels on the new Welcome Center may require separate allocations re the three buildings intended to be supplied via solar: Welcome Center, Town Hall and Library.

The next topic was the proposed town portfolio. Chip stated he has reached out to people concerning the matter and would report back at the next meeting.

Discussion moved to the subject of drafting solar ordinance by reviewing ordinances already adopted by other towns. From the previous meeting, each member was assigned a section of Sugar Hill's existing solar ordinance.

Members then discussed their assigned section and raised any issues and suggestions.

Eric found the terminology on solar collection systems confusing. Fitz suggesting the section on "Authority, Purpose and Goals" be moved to the front on the document and followed by Definitions.

Dave suggested adding language that all installations need comply with the current National Electric Code as adopted by the State of New Hampshire.

Eric said he would bring a copy of the current Town of Franconia Zoning Ordinance to the next meeting.

There was no other business raised by members.

Next meeting: July 15, 2021, 4:30pm

Meeting adjourned 5:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
David Strange