

FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 17, 2020, 4:30 pm

In attendance: Eric M, Chuck L, Fitz, Kim C,
Chip S, Bob T, Dave S

A substantial portion of the meeting was set aside for a Raise Green presentation. This initiative seeks to fund community-scale solar projects utilizing “crowd funding” techniques. Raise Green was presented by Megan in-person and Jackie via Zoom. For more information go to www.raisegreen.com/faq.

Following the extensive Raise Green presentation and questions by the committee, the proposed new Welcome Center was discussed. This included building floor plans (Bob, Chip and Kim to coordinate), the solar portion of the project being presented to the next Town Meeting, and whether the Covid-19 pandemic might preclude the possibility of an in-person Town Meeting.

The Northern Pass Defense Fund/Capital Reserve Fund was again raised. The idea being substantial residues in the fund could be diverted into the Town’s Capital Reserve Fund. Because the residue is a pool of many donors, the committee’s consensus continues to be all donors need to be contacted individually.

The committee then congratulated Bob T. and Adam Nyborg for their Drive To Net Zero Home Competition 2019 award.

The subject of chairperson was next raised. Although the Energy Commission has been functioning for several years without an official chair, Fitz has been acting as a de facto chair. He now agreed to take on the position officially.

Any Other Business: Fitz will liaise with Water Dept concerning the waterline running underground and adjacent to the proposed new Welcome Center.

Next meeting: December 15, 2020

Meeting adjourned 6:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
David Strange