

FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 21, 2026, 4:30 PM

In attendance: Eric, Chris, Dave, Bob

Franconia Town Hall Solar Energy System

- Pole removal in front of the Welcome Center, including burying the lines, is being managed by electrician Justin Poulton. FEC coordinating with him on removal and burying the lines.
- Meter at the utility pole (72 358 500) is not connected to anything, to be returned to Eversource (rental ~ \$21/month).
- Removal of the pole will also remove the attached streetlight. Replacement of the streetlight with alternative lighting should be incorporated into this project.
- Propose to also install EV charging station at this site.

Municipal solar expansion

- IRA program ends Dec 31, 2026
- Franconia expansion at Town Garage/Transfer Station?

Dow clock lighting: to be completed by Eric and Dave, TBD

Lafayette School Pavilion Lighting Project

- Dan and Chris to meet with Principal Amy Kopp

Energy and System Efficiency Audits

- Restart energy audits, as part of reviewing town energy usage.
- Franconia Safety building: outreach to Fire (Chief Tyler Gaudette) and Police (Chief Martin A Cashin) about managing energy usage.

Balcony Solar Systems (AKA Plug-in solar)

- As of July 2026, Utah, Maine, Virginia, Colorado, Maryland, Connecticut, Vermont, and New Hampshire have signed a plug-in solar bill into law.
- NH bill goes into effect January 1, 2027.
 - The DOE is developing a nationally recognized standard for the safety of plug-in solar.
- Create a citizen user guide for this technology, for posting on town website.
- Attend Aug 5 webinar on PIPV/Balcony Solar.

Ongoing Town Business

- Sale of Presby maintenance garage on Easton Rd behind Town Garage to Franconia in process?

Next meeting: August 25, 2026 @ 4:30 at the Dow Pavilion (moved from Aug 18 to accommodate schedules).

Meeting Adjourned 5:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Dubé