

Hillsboro Energy Commission Approved Minutes
December 22nd, 2022; **Bolded items are things to-do**

Meeting opened at 6:09 PM. Attendance: Brett Cherrington, Chairman; Jon Daley, Secretary; Sue Durling, Adam Charrette, excused

Secretary's report:

Minutes from December 8th, motion to approve as amended by Sue, seconded by Jon; unanimously approved.

LED Street Lighting Project

We met with the selectmen to present our recommendation to remove a number of lights. They are open to that possibility and will schedule a public hearing in January to get any input from the public and then make their decision after that.

Electric Town Vehicles and Grants

Laura and Brett met with Craig Tufts and Mike Tardiff from the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC). Brett was thinking that perhaps it wasn't worth pursuing the heavy vehicle part of the application (engine or new vehicle replacement), but Mike Tardiff convinced him to continue looking into it.

Electric Vehicle Ordinance

Brett noticed that the Planning Board has not done anything with updating the EV ordinance that was introduced last year, and figures we should put that on a back burner as well for now.

Community Power and PUC updates

There are 9 towns that have Electric Aggregation Plans (EAP) that have been approved by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) and 6 towns that are a public comment period prior to approval.

We had a discussion about whether we are ready to present a warrant article for the town to move forward or not. Standard Power is coming to our meeting on January 26th. We are unsure of what their relationship, if any, is with the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) is and Sue will reach out to CPCNH to get some answers and see what they recommend, and if they think we have time to get the EAP ready and the associated warrant article approved by the Selectmen (February 22nd is their last meeting prior to the state deadline for warrant articles to be posted). Brett will contact Standard Power to ask similar questions.

Weatherization Project

Jon will ask Rich if there are pieces of hardware that we could buy and install ourselves? What is the timeline for when he will have the cost savings document? Brett wrote to an efficiency company VEIC in Vermont to see if they have appropriate services for us or if they aimed at other markets.

Annual Report

Jon started writing the report and Adam submitted his version. We talked about the fact that we don't currently know the final savings amount because that is still dependent on the selectmen's decision regarding our recommendation, so we should probably make the report more generalized.

Each member of the commission should write a sentence to a paragraph about the status of their project and send it to Jon for inclusion into a page for the annual report.

Commission Logo

Sue did some work on the logo **and will bring us her thoughts next meeting.** We talked about the difference between a logo for the yet to be appointed Community Power Committee and the Energy Commission logo which encompasses a larger set of ideas.

Motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM by Sue, seconded by Jon. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Daley