

Hillsboro Energy Commission Approved Minutes
April 22th, 2021; **Bolded items are things to-do**

Meeting opened at 6:14 PM; online via Jitsi <https://meet.jit.si/HillsboroughNHEnergyCommission>
No in-person option to attend.

Online attendance: Brett Cherrington, Chairman – no others present; Vice Chairman - Adam Charrette – no others present; Jon Daley – no others present; Sue Durling – no others present, George Arvanetaki – no others present.

NH Emergency Order #12 authorization for electronic meetings was read by Chairman Cherrington.

Secretary's report:

Minutes of 3/25/2021: skipped until next meeting

Minutes of 4/22/2021: Adam will type up his notes for next meeting

Planning Board meeting

The schedule has changed to May 19th. Net Zero isn't really cost effective at this time, so we don't think we should pursue that yet. We'll focus on making electric vehicle chargers accessible for new construction.

NH Saves

Referencing Jon's email Net Zero competition. There are cash prizes, but not enough to get anyone to consider Net Zero if they weren't already thinking about it.

75% Rebate / Energy Audit. <https://WeatherizeConcord.org> example: huge banner across Loudon Road. Maybe we could do a banner on Henniker Street? West Main would be harder because it is a state road. Maybe one by or in Vaillancourts? People think about the cost of heating when they are paying their bill. **Jon will ask Vaillancourts. We should talk to the Selectmen about it. We'll look into it for our next meeting and see what the next steps are.**

Jeff Rubin's talk

Jon and Brett attended an online meeting last night. <https://sustainableheating.org> is his website. Non-profit educational organization. He promoted efficient wood burning because it has same carbon release as when a tree decays. Brett noted that <https://350.org> has research that disagrees: sequestering the carbon is more important. We talked about residential vs industrial burning, with massive clear cutting – maybe residential burning is ok, or even good, but industrial burning wood chips to make electricity isn't. Jevon's Paradox was mentioned – https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jevons_paradox where technology improves efficiency with which a resource is used, leading to increased resource usage due to increased demand.

Federal Infrastructure Programs

There are new programs coming, grants, subsidies? **Need to research.** EV infrastructure is going to be a priority.

Google Documentation

Adam tried to upload documents for us, **needs to get the username and password.**

Next meeting: May 13th, 6:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM, motion to adjourn by George, seconded by Jon. Roll call vote: Jon – aye, Adam – aye, George– aye, Sue – aye, Brett – aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Daley