

Hillsboro Energy Commission Approved Minutes  
March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022; **Bolded items are things to-do**

Meeting opened at 6:19 PM. Attendance: Brett Cherrington, Chairman; Sue Durling; Jon Daley

**Election of Officers:**

Motion by Jon Daley to keep the officers the same as last year. Chairman: Brett Cherrington, Vice-chairman: Adam Charrette, Secretary: Jon Daley. Seconded by Sue Durling. Passed unanimously.

**Secretary's report:**

Minutes of 02/14/2022: Motion to accept by Sue, seconded by Jon. Passed unanimously.

**LED Street Lighting Contract**

Brett talked with Laura who said she had sent the contract to Andrew weeks ago. He is no longer an employee of Affinity and so the contract has been forwarded to the president. **Brett hasn't been able to contact him yet.**

**Electric Vehicle Charging Station**

Jon received more responses from his email. Not too much was new, other than there are actually organizations who did get approved and whose projects are moving forward.

**Brett tried to call Tim White form DES, but hasn't connected with him yet.**

Is Kemp Park a good location for a charger? The operators of the hydro plant had been thinking it might be a good place, as it would be an easy place to to connect, etc. It wouldn't work for the VW grant being too far from the highway, but might make sense, as far as being near downtown and the future bike trail and park, etc. across the river.

**Community Power**

Brett did some research; thinking it was similar to the something like the solar project at the transfer station, but it is different than that. It is both a price co-op agreement type thing, but then also can be a "micro-grid" where the power generated within the town can stay within the town, and if there is a major grid problem, could be disconnected and continue to run.

Electric power transmission is a major limiting factor in various installation.

It could be called "communities power", because the co-op/group could be larger than one town. Brett is going to contact the Rindge Energy Commission as he knows Pat Martin from that group. He'll also contact Dori Drachman from the Peterborough Community Power Committee.

Jon talked with Pam Pasquale to find out why their solar farm didn't go through. The contractor that they had been working with decided the project was too small, and the size of the project is constricted by NH law, though there is a current bill to raise that limit.

**Energy/Building Audits**

Laura said that after the planned projects for this year (fire station roof is the main one at ~\$180,000) there will be approximately \$90,000 left in the capital reserve fund for other projects, including anything we want to do for building improvements as a result of the audits.

Next meeting at March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM, motion to adjourn by Sue, seconded by Jon, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon Daley