

Hillsboro Energy Commission Approved Minutes
January 27th, 2022; **Bolded items are things to-do**

Meeting opened at 6:06 PM. Attendance: Brett Cherrington, Chairman; Adam Charrette, Vice-Chairman; Sue Durling; George Arvanetaki; Jon Daley (6:08PM)

Secretary's report:

Minutes of 1/13/2022: Motion to accept as amended by Sue, seconded by George. Passed. Adam and Jon abstaining.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Brett talked to Jessica Wilcox about Volkswagen money for Level 3 (check that 3 is the parking lot, etc) chargers just extended their deadline through February. The fund prefers state and locally owned properties (100% of eligible costs as opposed to 80% covered for private projects). There are many unknowns with this grant fund and it is hard to understand how it works and what they expect. **Brett will contact NHDES/Tim White to figure out the next steps.** The state owned property near Hillsboro Ford has 3-phase power on site and is directly next to their preferred corridor as well as useful retail and tourist/river attractions.

Energy Audits

Received fire station proposal. All that is left is the library proposal. Grant funding is still up in the air. Should the department heads just go ahead with parts of the proposal on their own? Hire Shakes to Shingles to do it anyway? **Brett will invite Rich Burns (Shakes to Shingles) to our next meeting.**

LED Street Lighting

The selectboard approved Affinity as our selected contractor. We received some comments/questions from the other contractors wondering why we didn't choose the lower bids. We sent back explanations to show why the lowest bid, while an important part of the process, isn't the only criteria for selection.

What's next – Planning for 2022 and beyond

Brett saw a sign on the Old Mill Farm development for Green Tech Home Builders and advertising energy efficient homes. **Brett is going to invite them to an upcoming meeting.**

The town office has a buried oil tank, and we aren't sure if they are still using it. **Sue will find out how old it is, if it is being used and see if an inspection would be appropriate.**

Next meeting at February 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM, motion to adjourn by Sue, seconded by George, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Daley