

Hillsboro Energy Commission Approved Minutes

July 28th, 2022

Meeting opened at 6:01 PM. Attendance: Brett Cherrington, Chairperson; Adam Charrette, Vice Chairperson; Sue Durling.

Excused: Jon Daley

Minutes

Sue motioned to accept the minutes of June 23rd, Brett seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

LED Streetlight Project:

Adam explained that all the fixtures have been updated as of yesterday but was concerned that some may now be too bright, most notably the 75W fixtures located on Henniker St. and W Main St. Adam contacted the lighting contractor and was informed that fixtures could be downsized, and the town would get credit back for the nearly new fixtures. Adam encouraged the commission to look for themselves and seek out any other over lighting situations that should be addressed.

Brett suggested releasing a press release for the public in order to draw attention to the reduced energy consumption, light pollution, and overall success of the Energy Commissions' work. The commission agreed.

EV Charging stations:

Brett spoke with the Central NH Planning Commission to stay updated and maintain communication. They are still waiting on the state and federal agencies but are anticipating an evergreen plan that will continuously be getting updated and changed through its process. Brett will continue to maintain contact as to not miss out on any funding.

Community Power:

The PUC had a recent meeting about municipal and county aggregation rules for community power, Sue will seek out the meeting minutes to get updated on the progress of community power availability in New Hampshire. Brett asked about the towns option for choosing a different energy provider in the wake of Eversource's recent rate hike. He was able to personally mitigate much of Eversource's rate increase through the NH PUC website. Adam suggested making a press-release and advertising this option to residents in order to alleviate the 105% rate increase most home owners will face.

Adam motioned to adjourn, Sue seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Charrette