

Hillsboro Energy Commission Approved Minutes
February 24th, 2022; **Bolded items are things to-do**

Meeting opened at 6:15 PM. Attendance: Brett Cherrington, Chairman; Adam Charrette, Vice-Chairman; Sue Durling; Jon Daley

Secretary's report:

Minutes of 02/10/2022: Motion to accept by Sue, seconded by Adam. Passed unanimously.

Energy/Building Audits

Jon spoke with Laura regarding 61 W Main St/4 Church St, and she had Mark Roarick verify that it is the middle portion of the building, where SNHS is located that is the problem spot, and not the front portion like Rich talked about last meeting. The Selectmen have put a \$250K increase to the building capital reserve fund (which currently has a \$200K balance). There has been some talk on the Hillsboro Facebook Community page about whether that should stay that way or be reduced.

Rich sent a link to AeroBarrier, a product that he recommends for the police station and possibly other places, to seal up air holes that are hard to reach. Horizontal surfaces have to be covered. Maybe he is only going to do it in the attic areas, so it is possible to do while the building is being occupied?

Charging Station

Jon sent an email to everyone on the "interested party" list for the VW fund and got a phone call back 5 minutes later! Mike Brigham, who owns a Tesla rental company near the Portsmouth Airport has contacts at the Pease Air Force Base and is around 2 months ahead of us, and went through the whole process, had a developer, manufacturer and the power company in the same meeting working on getting it together and couldn't finish in time for the VW grant money and so the project died. He agreed that our location seemed like a good location, but he thought all locations (7 of them) had been picked already, so there is still a "one in a million" chance that a developer will see our location and contact us.

Brett hears about other funding sources from time to time, and we should keep our eyes open to see if there are other applications we should be filling out.

LED Street Lighting

We received the updated contract from Laura via email this week. We think we are waiting for Affinity to insert our handwritten changes into the contract and get the final version. **Brett will check Laura for the next steps.**

Community Power

Sue went to a Peterborough meeting of the Community Power Coalition. Community Power allows a community or group of communities to act on behalf of the residents to choose a supplier. In Peterborough, they expect to opt-in all residents and then residents can opt-out at any time, and can choose cheaper or more expensive choices as well, e.g. choosing 50% or 100% renewables, etc. Costs of the program are built-in to the electric utility rates (so no upfront or separate costs). It would have to be approved by town meeting and then the PUC.

We need to research more to find out if it is a good idea.

Next meeting at March 10th at 6PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM, motion to adjourn by Adam, seconded by Sue, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Daley