

Hillsboro Energy Commission Approved Minutes
September 8th, 2022; **Bolded items are things to-do**

Unofficial meeting due to no quorum. Meeting was opened at 6:15 PM. Attendance: Brett Cherrington, Chairman; Jon Daley; Rich Burns, Shakes to Shingles
Excused: Adam Charrette, Vice-Chairman; Sue Durling

Weatherization Project

Rich Burns visited to update us on the status of the Eversource funding. His Eversource contact hasn't been available, but he heard from another provider had heard some news, and all of the news is pointing to no funding being available until 2023.

Rich admitted he had gotten the measurements from the library but hadn't had time to organize the details of that project yet.

He asked what building we would be interested in working on first. We talked about increasing electric and fuel costs and how the payback periods will be quicker, though the renovation costs will be higher as well. Brett reported that there is money in the building funds that can be spent on these projects.

Rich said that often projects can be started in the fall of a year and use funding from the next year; we agreed that we should work towards getting something going in November and hopefully get funding from Eversource.

We talked about some of the small projects that could be done this year, (was the old refrigerator ever replaced at the highway department?), thermostats, etc.

We think that the town office building might be a good first project, though Rich said the vermiculite insulation in the ceiling has to be treated as if it had asbestos which increases the cost of removing it. Rich thinks that Eversource would likely fund around 50% of the project. Rich has worked with a company in Epping that can remove the asbestos. Rich thinks that they might be able to seal the building and so the office likely wouldn't have to be evacuated. When they install the spray foam, the building does need to be empty, so will have to schedule that at nights or weekends as appropriate. Rich mentioned that due to the size of the police station project, it would have to be empty for longer than just a weekend, so is harder to schedule that (in addition to the cost of the renovations required for the police station)

Brett brought up the Inflation Reduction Act and asked how that money could be factored into our plans. And the answer is that we aren't sure.

We talked about the current fire station roofing project and if that project could get funding from the Eversource 2023 budget cycle. There are some important details or changes to how that project might get billed. It needs to include estimates of existing insulation and what R-values it was replaced with, and separate line items for materials cost for insulation. **Jon will check with Chief Stafford.**

We realized that we missed both the water and sewer plants during our building audits. Jon asked a commissioner about heating costs, and we'll check into whether those buildings are worth auditing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Daley