

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

Meeting opened at 6:06 PM. Attendance: Brett Cherrington, Chairman; Adam Charrette, Vice-Chairman; Jon Daley, Secretary; Sue Durling (had to leave at 6:25PM)

Secretary's report:

Minutes from October 13<sup>th</sup>, motion to approve by Adam, seconded by Jon; unanimously approved; Sue Durling abstained.

Minutes from October 25<sup>th</sup>, motion to approve by Adam, seconded by Jon; unanimously approved; Sue Durling abstained.

Minutes from October 27<sup>th</sup>, motion to approve as amended by Adam, seconded by Jon; unanimously approved (Sue left prior to this vote)

Review of the Joint Selectman's meeting

We thought it went well, and appreciated the comments from a few of the attendees who said they learned a lot from our presentation. Chief Parsons mentioned after the meeting that Ford is working on a police electric F-150 Lightning vehicle and was interested in following up on that, and the police station currently has a electric vehicle charger that is waiting to be connected. The selectmen are waiting for the final document from Affinity with cost analysis and drawings with the proposed lights to be removed and then they will make their decision.

LED Street Lighting Project

We are waiting for Affinity's updated document and their quote for the costs of removing and fixing the non dark sky compliant lights. We also aren't sure if Affinity updated the ledger with Eversource or are we still paying the old electric prices? **Adam is going to check the electric bills and then Affinity if it looks like it hasn't been updated.** Affinity talked about the labor costs for removing the lights. We wonder if we should ask for a discount on that since they didn't schedule a meeting with the current ledger where we could discuss each light. Also, it doesn't seem like we should have to pay for the labor to fix lights that were installed in a non-dark sky compliant manner.

Town Electricity Usage

Brett noticed that the town building has a new heat pump that was recently installed, but we weren't notified, and so seems likely that they paid full price for it. **Brett will remind Laura to bring those sorts of purchase decision to our commission before purchasing.**

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

**Brett is hoping to have something ready for the town meeting in March.** The "Charging Forward" document is supposed to be published this month.

Community Power and PUC updates

There are concerns that the PUC and legislature might cut state funding that might not be noticed due to the temporary federal funding that is available, so we need to pay attention to any ongoing decisions related to that.

Weatherization Project

When we met with the Selectmen, we asked them for some money into the building capital reserve fund for 2023 to fund weatherization projects. When Rich met with the Commission, he mentioned there might be some projects that could be done in November. **Jon will check with Rich about his availability for these projects: is there any time this year? Are there pieces of hardware that we**

could buy and install ourselves? What is the timeline for when he will have the cost savings document?

#### Annual Report

We would like to get a page in the annual report. **Each member will submit a few sentences/paragraph regarding their projects to Jon who will write the report. Could Sue make a logo for us?**

#### Inflation Reduction Act

Sue sent us an article about implementing the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) in NH. **We'll look forward to Sue reporting about that next meeting.**

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM by Adam, seconded by Jon. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon Daley