

Hillsborough Energy Commission Approved Minutes
March 9th, 2023; **Bolded items are things to-do**

Meeting called to order at 5:58 PM. Attendance: Brett Cherrington, Chairman; Adam Charrette, Vice Chairman; Jon Daley, Secretary. Sue Durling. Selectmen: Iris Campbell, Richard Pelletier, Jim Bailey. Fire Chief Kenneth Stafford, Deputy Fire Chief Scott Murdough. Highway Department Foreman Ernie Butler. Police Chief Christopher Parsons. Town Administrator Laura Buono.

LED Street Lighting Project

We invited the Highway Safety Committee to our meeting to discuss the current Energy Commission's recommendation for changing and removing the existing street lights.

Brett read a statement introducing the meeting and gave some parameters for discussing the street lights.

Adam talked about inconsistencies in the current lighting layout, and the apparent lack of a plan and talked about making our lighting layout more consistent and according to a plan. He mentioned some feedback he had received regarding some lights that are useful for seasonal black ice.

Laura informed us that the Highway Safety Committee met and looked over the lights. The general opinion was they wanted to keep most lights. We discussed a number of specific lights and the general consensus was we should remove "useless" lights but they wanted to not make too many changes. **Adam will come up with a new plan that doesn't take out as many lights.**

The Highway Safety Committee and other guests left at 7:01PM.

Secretary's report:

Minutes from February 23rd, motion to approve by Sue, seconded by Adam; approved unanimously.

Community Power

We discussed the meeting with the Community Power Coalition (CPC) and compared and contrasted what they offer with Standard Power. We have some questions for both organizations. Jon wants to get the recording of the CPC meeting to send to Standard Power to get their response, particularly the comparison slide regarding for-power companies vs. the CPC.

Grant Committee?

Brett shared that he approached the selectmen last night regarding the truck purchase, and the fact that he is just barely able to keep up with the energy-related grants, and there is so much federal and state money currently available and no one has the time to keep on top of these grants.

We also discussed some potential school projects, both fixing the existing solar heater system, as well as the upcoming replacement for the heating system, and would shallow geothermal under the parking lot be a good project for them. We weren't sure who the appropriate contact person would be, perhaps James Bailey, Facilities Director.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Brett got a response from the CMAQ grant application and was partially denied in that the EV vehicles section needs to be removed. The response included the application from Derry as a good example to base our application on.

Weatherization Project

No update from Jon. Brett talked with Rich and isn't sure when the money will be available. Possibly the end of 2023.

Motion to adjourn at 7:42 PM by Sue, seconded by Jon. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Daley