

Hillsborough Energy Commission Approved Minutes
March 23rd, 2023; **Bolded items are things to-do**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM. Attendance: Brett Cherrington, Chairman; Adam Charrette, Vice Chairman; Jon Daley, Secretary; Sue Durling: excused

Secretary's report:

Minutes from March 9th, motion to approve by Adam, seconded by Jon; approved unanimously.

LED Street Lighting Project

Adam went around to take pictures of the lights. Because it is the winter and foliage is reduced, there are some lights that are more "useful" now than they are once the leaves are on the trees. **Adam and Brett are going to drive around together to make up a final recommended list for the Selectmen.** At the meeting with the Highway Safety Committee, we were unsuccessful in explaining the studies that report having sporadic lighting is less safe than our current lighting, so we are aiming at a minimal list for only removing the lights that are obviously inappropriate. We are also concerned about potential backlash against the Dark Skies Committee due to the misinformation that was published in the newspaper and Facebook tying the street lights to the Dark Skies Ordinance. We will continue to recommend a larger set of lights to remove, but demarcate between the two sets of recommendations and hopefully make the diagram easy for the Selectmen to understand.

Weatherization Project

No update.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Brett worked with Craig Tufts from Central NH Regional Planning Commission on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant application. Craig is going to work on the next steps. The grant for the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) will be later.

Community Power

No update.

Commission Logo

Sue emailed various designs prior to the meeting. We discussed and made some modifications and sent an idea back for **her to update.**

Energy Commission RSA

Brett looked up the RSA 38-D for NH Energy Commissions to see what our responsibilities are. We are required to give a report, at least annually, to the town about our town's energy usage and cost. We are also required to make recommendations to local boards and committees pertaining to municipal energy plans and sustainable practices such as energy conservation, energy efficiency, energy generation, and zoning practices.

Motion to adjourn at 6:36 PM by Adam, seconded by Jon. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Daley