

Hillsborough Energy Commission Approved Minutes
May 25th, 2023; **Bolded items are things to-do**

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM. Attendance: Brett Cherrington, Chairman; Adam Charrette, Vice-Chairman; Jon Daley, Secretary; Sue Durling excused

Secretary's report:

Minutes from May 11th, motion to approve as amended by Adam, seconded by Jon; approved unanimously

LED Street Lighting Project

Selectmen have not yet looked at our final report as far as we know. The year warranty/deadline is approaching soon.

Weatherization Project

Jon will contact the Eversource contacts by phone to see if that is a better way to contact them. Brett researched on [NHSaves.com](https://www.nhsaves.com) and there is very little information on the municipal program. Are there other towns that have used the program?

Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations

Brett attended a webinar this morning: Public Works: How to Electrify Your Fleet. It was mostly attended by highway foremen, etc. He learned about the Chargers and Fueling Infrastructure grant, through the Federal Department of Transportation (DOT). It is part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and contains significant new funding for EV charging stations. As has been typical for us, we don't find out about these until too late, the deadline for application submissions is June 13th. We wondered if there are places we can find out about these sooner. Does New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) have any resources that can help us? Maybe there is a mailing list? Robyn Payson, planning director knows about some grants. **Jon will look around.**

Town Electric Contract

Ryan Polson from Standard Power met with the Selectmen last night with the intent of signing a contract with the town so the town wouldn't have to pay normal retail rates. The expectation is that the rate will be significantly lower than the current rates.

Community Power

Brett received an email from Henry Herndon, startup consultant, with the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH). Hopefully, he and the selectmen can come to our June 8th meeting. Ryan Polson, Standard Power (SP), gave the selectmen the CPCNH powerpoint, showing their published rates which is higher than the current SP rate. Some more discussion about SP vs CPCNH, and Brett spoke highly of the qualifications of a number of the members of CPCNH's board of directors. Jon wondered about what the CPCNH "reserve fund" would be spent on and how much it would benefit Hillsboro, and if it might be better to have our own \$.001/kWh extra charge to put into a capital reserve fund, etc. Brett said that even if a solar power installation was installed in some other town, he would expect that all Coalition members would get that energy at cost, so it would still be a benefit to us.

Energy Star Portfolio Manager

Adam spent some time with the website and tried to format the data in different ways, one idea he had was to look at each building individually to try to get a sense of which buildings would have the highest potential payback rate for energy improvements. We looked at the police department in detail and noted that the energy use is high in the summer and winter, with only a small reduction in the

Spring and Fall and we brainstormed about possibilities for this; one idea was that with the windows closed (most, all?) of the time, the building is conditioned in all seasons, no matter the outside temperature.

Motion to adjourn at 7:38 PM by Adam, seconded by Jon. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Daley