

Hillsboro Energy Commission Approved Minutes
October 8th, 2020; **Bolded items are things to-do**

Meeting opened at 6:06 PM

In attendance: Brett Cherrington, Chairman; Sue Durling; Jon Daley; George Arvanetaki, Adam Charrette.

Secretary's report:

Reviewed September 24th minutes. Motion to accept as written, passed unanimously, except Adam abstaining.

Email address

No update: IT is apparently still working on getting Jon access to the email address.

Energy Star Portfolio Manager Software

They have emailed us but due to the IT problems, we haven't received it yet.

Street Light Update

Adam has been playing phone tag with Eversource.

Adam will work on a presentation for the Selectboard.

Building Efficiency

No update. **Jon to check in with Shakes to Shingles to see when we should expect to hear from the surveyor.**

Jon will have a slide or two during the street light presentation.

Landfill Solar

Above ground conduit from the solar array to the meter were melting due to excessive heat.

Various speculation about incorrect gauge of the wire or incorrect type of conduit, or perhaps incorrect installation – there were some problems during the installation that the building inspector caught.

Purchase advisory recommendation

Perhaps we can include it in our presentation about the street lights? Brett will include a slide or two in our presentation.

Electric vehicle charge station

Sue did some research since last meeting. The Volkswagon fund has money to subsidize costs.

Monadnock Sustainability Hub has resources to look into. How do we get a grant from the fund.

Sue will look into it further.

Other thoughts/discussion

A discussion came up about what happens when the Planning Board Site Plans aren't followed.

Who is in charge of enforcement? Michael Borden as building inspector? Maybe the Planning Board should the Selectboard when they see the plan not being followed. There apparently isn't a sign-off by the Planning Board to say they agree that the site plan was followed. Can this process be fixed? **Brett will invite Robyn Payson, Planning Director to our meeting** to let her know what we are up to and for further discussion and explanation of the process. **We should think if we have any other questions for her.**

Brett: Current climate emergency. It's a big deal. Does the Commission want to make a recommendation to the Selectmen? Would the Selectmen make a statement? Discussion about

practical, political, abstract issues. General consensus was not to recommend at this time. Probably a slide in our presentation. How can we affect others' perspectives? David Attenborough was mentioned as posting a relevant YouTube video this week [Secretary note: I tried to find it on YouTube, but wasn't sure which one was intended]. Discussion about heat pumps, that they are a good source of heat in most environments, and it was noted that there are differences across manufacturers as far as efficiency goes.

Next meeting: October 22nd, 6:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Daley