

Hillsborough Energy Commission Minutes
May 11th, 2023; **Bolded items are things to-do**

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM. Attendance: Brett Cherrington, Chairman; Adam Charrette, Vice-Chairman; Jon Daley, Secretary; Sue Durling

Secretary's report:

Minutes from April 27th, motion to approve by Sue, seconded by Jon; approved unanimously; Adam abstained.

LED Street Lighting Project

All recommendations for repair and removal have been sent to Laura.

Weatherization Project

Jon will contact the Eversource contacts by phone to see if that is a better way to contact them.

Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations

<https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/events-related-clean-school-bus-program>

Brett and Sue attended the EPA's Clean School Bus Program webinar. There are two program currently underway, one for school districts that own their own buses, the second one is for companies that contract to school districts. The school district program has a 15 bus minimum. The commercial program has a 25 bus minimum. First Student has many large buses that aren't typically full of kids, and we wonder if they would consider purchasing smaller vehicles.

There is another webinar on the 18th and possibly another on the 25th. It is quite confusing to figure out the all of the different options and what things are appropriate for us.

Brett is looking into the steps to be prepared for when the 2023 registration window opens.

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

Jon has investigated some towns that were mentioned in our prior meetings that have been working on Community Power. Hancock is in the middle of deciding between Standard Power or Community Power Coalition of NH. Swanzey chose to go with Standard Power. There is a lot of information in their minutes.

Brett will ask the selectmen to create a Hillsborough Community Power Committee for researching and implementing community power.

Commission Logo

Sue has one more small change to finalize the logo. Sue has an idea for a logo for the Community Power committee that is similar to the Commission logo, but with some connected houses at the bottom.

Energy Use Report

Sue is in contact with Lauralee, the finance director with the town to get more records about fuel and energy use. Sue is wondering what graphs and information would be useful to be able to compare and contrast information. There are reporting options through the website, but we need to spend some

time deciding what information we want out of the Portfolio Manager website. (which we did look through some reporting choices during the meeting)

Motion to adjourn at 7:07 PM by Adam, seconded by Sue. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Daley