



**Hillsborough NH Energy Commission
Unapproved Minutes
March 14th, 2024 6:00pm**

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM.

Attendance: Brett Cherrington, Chair; Adam Charrette, Vice Chair; Sue Durling. Steven Kwiatkowski (Grid Avec)

Secretary's Report:

Motion by Sue to approve the minutes of February 29th with, seconded by Adam. Minutes approved unanimously.

Community Solar:

Steven Kwiatkowski from Grid Avec explained how community solar works. To incentivize growth of solar farming in the state, municipalities can receive rebates in exchange for a commitment to purchase the energy produced by the solar garden. By participating in the program, municipal buildings could receive between 10% and 20% discount on electric bills. Arcadia is one company that is immediately available to contract with a 10% discount and 10-year commitment. Roofless Solar will be available in December 2024 with a 20% discount and 20-year commitment. Any town that doesn't already have an existing purchase contract is available to participate but once the megawatt limit of the solar garden is reached, there will be no new participants. The discount can vary and is based on the solar garden output which can decrease if it has a low output or offline for a particular month.

Commission members will review the information to discuss at the next meeting.

Election of Officers:

Brett motioned to maintain the current officer positions, Adam seconded, motion passed unanimously

Upcoming Events:

Brett discussed some of the upcoming energy events and invited commission members to join. The events include:

By Degrees Climate Summit - April 4th UNH 2-6pm

The Future of Reliability - March 26th

Sue suggested adding links to the Energy Commissions section of the town website to make it easier for residents to participate in events. Sue and Brett will accumulate a list to add.

There being no other business.

Motion to adjourn at 6:41 PM by Brett, seconded by Adam.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Charrette