

Energy Committee

6/14/2009

Present:

Amy Russell: Chair, Nate Abbott, Dick DeSeve, Sue Hale-DeSeve, Paul Callahan

Chairman Russell called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

## **Town Packet**

Chairman Russell presented a packet of information to be available in the Town Offices for residents seeking information on energy conservation, alternative and renewable energy in the Town of Gilmanton. The draft packet contained the following:

1. Energy Committee mission statement
2. List of Energy Committee members and contact information
3. Copy of warrant articles allowing residents to receive property tax exemptions for alternative energy systems.
4. PA29 form on which residents may apply for an energy system tax exemption.
5. NESEA Energy Tips flyer
6. Green Builder Tips flyer
7. Other general information

## **Farmer's Market**

The committee's first energy fair will be held at the opening Farmer's Market day at the Academy Building Grounds on July 8, from 3PM to 6PM. Chairman Russell will coordinate with Ann Bartlett regarding space prior to the event. The committee will resolve final tasks at the next meeting, which will be June 25. A tent would be desirable.

## **School Board**

Chairman Russell indicated that the School Board had not responded to her inquiries regarding the Jordan Institute study. She feels that there is not much more the committee can do.

## **Master Plan**

An Energy Component to the master plan was discussed informally. Nate Abbott discussed his experience with the last Master Plan update, and felt that the committee should get involved with the Planning Board at the time that the next update is done.

## **Carbon Challenge**

Chairman Russell reminded the committee about the Carbon Challenge, and indicated that she wanted to sign residents up to take the challenge at the Energy Fair.

## **Other Information**

The Mother Earth News is available for libraries and is still being updated and published according to chairman Russell.

Paul Callahan of Lakes Region Thermal Scan will be presenting his energy audit process to Gilford residents during the first week of August.