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Gilmanton Energy Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Remote Meeting via Teleconference

Gilmanton, NH

7 p.m.

Present: Sue Hale-de Seve, Aimee Ruiter, Dick de Seve.
Cyndi Paulin, Nate Abbott. Sarah Thorne and Vincenzo Sisti were excused absences.

Aimee Ruiter agreed to run the meeting.

We reviewed the meeting minutes from December 15, 2020. Nate moved, Aimee seconded approval.
Approved unanimously.

New members?: None thus far. Nate will check with the Wilsons to see if they are interested in assisting with the committee.

All except Cyndi have been sworn in. She will do that by ZOOM.

Nate sent out notes on his comments at the Gilmanton Town deliberative session to all members. The deliberative session totally took less than one hour. Nate reviewed our actions to date to the session. Nate said there was no objection to our proposed warrant article. Nate will write an LTE to the Laconia Daily Sun concerning our warrant article one week prior to Town voting day.

Aimee: Solarize Campaign proposals. We have 2 proposals, and we are awaiting one more proposal. We need to review the proposals and then conduct interviews with the proposing entities. Nate suggested that the review be headed by someone with good knowledge of the process, and have a scoring method to make our decision. Cyndi suggested that Vital Communities website has a scoring sheet that we can use. Nate suggested that any members of the GEC can be on the selection committee unless they choose not to.

Solarize Campaign checklist: Aimee would like to establish some bi-weekly meetings to address issues on the checklist. Dick will check with Rep. Saunderson and another friend about working together on a combined project. Cyndi suggested that we look toward the proposers who have offered to do much of the media and outreach services. Still working to fill roles in the campaign. Dick will try to obtain the Canterbury contract and/or find a template on the Vital Communities website. Aimee will work on Media Captain and work with Cyndi on Public Outreach. Dick and Sue are willing to work on the Resident Liaison role as it develops. Extensive discussion of our role when the contract is signed with an installer and then an issue arises between the resident and the installer. At that point, the issue remains between the resident and the installer. If, however, we learn that there are numerous problems with the contractor, we can then work with the contractor to either address these problems, or the GEC would review whether it makes sense to continue that contract.

Nate suggested a meeting next Sunday, Feb. 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Nate will contact the Selectmen about having a member of the Board on the selecting committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.. Next meeting will be February 7. 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick de Seve, secretary.