

Approved 2/21/21

Gilmanton Energy Committee Meeting

Monday, February 8, 2021

Remote Meeting via Teleconference

Gilmanton, NH

7 p.m.

Present: Sue Hale-de Seve, Aimee Ruitter, Vincenzo Sisti, Dick de Seve. Cyndi Paulin, Nate Abbott. Sarah Thorne was an excused absence.

Nate began the meeting with a discussion of temporary divisions of labor, and agreed to act as chair for the time being. Aimee Ruitter will work on the Solarize campaign. Need to work on some issues collaboratively without running afoul of the public meeting statute. E.g., nominating new members and suggesting them to the selectmen prior to appointment.

We decided to check to see if any members had reached out to anyone about joining the committee. Sarah had suggested Elise Smith, who works in the Town office. Cyndi agreed to call her and determine if she is still interested. Nate also has contacted Graham Wilson about joining the committee. He has had solar panels installed, and is interested in joining the committee. We would need to recommend these two to the Selectmen prior to their sending a letter of interest to the Select Board. We will vote on Graham Wilson's recommendation tonight, and then we will make a decision on Elise Smith once Cyndi has spoken to her.

We discussed a proposed database/spreadsheet Sue developed, and decided that Nate would forward it to Aimee, who will discuss and develop it with Sue.

Cyndi will work with Heather Carpenter to complete her swearing in.

Nate had contacted Heather Carpenter asking if one of the Selectmen would be willing to serve on the proposal selection group. Aimee will be assembling that group and scheduling a meeting.

We discussed that we have one more potential proposal and discussed extending the deadline for application submissions until Friday, Feb. 12, unless other potential submissions arise or we decide that a later deadline is warranted. Aimee will check with Sarah how this was done.

We decided to nominate Graham Wilson to the committee, and Nate will send a note to the Town recommending him to them for approval.

Selection criteria: we will use the Vital Communities template for that process. The Canterbury group used that information successfully. Scoring sheet? Dick will contact Ruth Heath in Canterbury as to whether they had developed a scoring sheet. Our RFP had a section on selection criteria to alert prospective proposers as to that criteria.

Our RFP had indicated that interviews would occur the week of Feb. 8-12, but those will be re-scheduled. Aimee will let the groups that have already submitted proposals that those interviews will be re-scheduled.

Aimee will begin to have Solarize meetings each Wednesday evening going forward. They will begin at 7:00.

Nate summarized the discussions and decisions made during the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00. Next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick de Seve, secretary.