

Approved

Gilmanton Energy Committee

May 12, 2021

Present: Nate Abbott, Aimee Ruiter, Cyndi Paulin, Sue Hale-de Seve, Sarah Thorne, Vincenzo Sisti, Dick de Seve, Graham Wilson, Elise Smith

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Nate made the obligatory opening announcements. The first order of business was to review the minutes of the April 28, 2021. Sarah moved, Vincenzo seconded approval. Approved.

Energy Audit Requisition: Nate noted that we are waiting for the next Selectmen's meeting on May 17th, since we were not able to get on the agenda for the last meeting. We received an amended proposal that removed the Old Town Hall and replaced it with the Iron Works fire station. A group is working to obtain an LCHIP grant to do improvements on the Old Town Hall, and they will be in touch with us when and if that happens. The plan is to use the first and second floors of the building, primarily the first floor. They would like to include the Old Town Hall in our audit proposal. Sarah asked RBG to develop a contract proposal based specifically for Gilmanton, and hopefully we could present that to the Selectmen on May 17th. Sarah suggested forwarding the RBG revised proposal to Heather Carpenter, Town Clerk, as soon as we receive it so that the Selectmen can review the proposal prior to their meeting on the 17th. Sarah suggested a meeting of the Weatherization Sub-committee on Wednesday, May 19th at 6:30. We agreed to do that, and Nate will send out a meeting notice.

Button Up: Sarah sent out a flyer concerning the Button Up program scheduled for June 8. Aimee has already posted that on the GEC Facebook page. The program will be recorded and posted on the GEC website. There will be an introduction, and some discussion of the Solarize Campaign.

Solarize Campaign: Aimee and Vincenzo. The first contract has been signed. The leads have slowed a bit, so Sunflower will do some more advertising, including in person at the Gilmanton Farmer's Market. They are now in the 20's of proposals. Nate stated that the sign is posted now at the Gilmanton Year Round Library. Wayne Hackett and a neighbor installed it. Nate suggested using red duct tape or other red tape or velcro tape so that it can be removed and updated from time to time. Aimee discussed the solar tour. Vincenzo stated that he has received permission from the Gilmanton Winery to use that facility for the tour, and also received permission from one of the existing solar installations. The date is scheduled for June 5. Vincenzo noted that there will be a rain date of June 12. Sarah suggested putting flyers out at some of the sites for the town-wide yard sale.

New Business: Sarah noted that Joe Irving, the Gilmanton School maintenance director, stated that the representative of EEI had met with him. Sarah suggested possibly having Joe Irving attend one of our upcoming meetings to discuss their plans for the school. Joe is also going to attend the Button Up Workshop. Sarah will invite Joe Irving to our June 9 meeting.

Aimee said that the carbon pricing bill has been co-sponsored by Rep. Ann McLane Kuster. HR 2307.

Next meeting is May 26.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick de Seve, Secretary