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Gilmanton Energy Committee Meeting

February 21, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Present: Dick de Seve, Sue Hale-de Seve, Aimee Ruiter, Cyndi Paulin, Nate Abbott, Graham Wilson, Vincenzo Sisti, Elise Smith, Jason Barber of Shakes and Shingles.

Nate began the meeting at 7:00. He introduced Graham Wilson as the newest member of the committee, to be appointed shortly by the Selectmen.

Review of minutes: Sue Hale-de Seve moved, Elise Smith seconded approval of the minutes. All who attended the last meeting approved the minutes as written.

New members: Elise Smith is the newest member. She has lived in Gilmanton for 3 years, and is the deputy town clerk/tax collector. She described briefly how she became interested in the committee's work. Graham Wilson has lived in Gilmanton for 13 years, and is living at the corner of Stockwell Hill Road and Loon Pond Road.

Nate mirrored the committee's gratitude for the new members and their new energy. Jason Barber expressed interest in being involved in the committee in any way he can.

Warrant article: Nate will write a letter of support for Article 16 for the Laconia Daily Sun this week. Any other letters of support are strongly encouraged. It asks for \$15,000 for this effort. Anything not spent on this project will revert to the general fund for the Selectmen to use. The baseline energy audit will largely determine where the funds are spent. Dick offered to write a letter, as well. The vote is on March 9.

Vincenzo reminded folks they can use their Facebook accounts to spread the word about the warrant article.

Solarize campaign: Aimee updated the group on the latest efforts of the campaign. The campaign has had some new interest from community members. We have 4 bidders, and are reviewing those bids, and scheduling interviews for the week of March 1, based on the criteria of the RFP. After that, we need to work on the public outreach portion. We will be brainstorming that process in the next week. Nate asked about the timing of the Solarize campaign subcommittee meetings, as the next one will be next Sunday at 6:30. After that, the subcommittee will meet every Wednesday evening. Anyone on this meeting is invited to join that meeting. Nate will send all present tonight a link to the Solarize campaign section of the GEC website.

Nate will add new members, and interested parties, to the Solarize campaign subcommittee page. We will set the interview panel at the next regular GEC meeting.

Next meetings are Solarize Campaign on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 6:30, and then the next regular committee meeting will be on Sunday, March 7 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick de Seve, Secretary