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## **Gilmanton Energy Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Academy Building

Gilmanton, NH

6:30 p.m.

Present: Sue Hale-de Seve, Aimee Ruiter, Elise Smith, Cyndi Paulin, Dick de Seve. Kyle McAdam, visitor.

Review of December, 2022 minutes. Aimee moved, Elise seconded approval. Approved.

Status of LED retrofit project. Elise said so far, we have no further report on the project. Heather Carpenter has had difficulty contacting Chase Pennoyer. We may have to attend a Selectmen's meeting to remind them of the project and ask them to contact Chase. Selectmen's upcoming meetings on Mondays, March 6 at 5:00 p.m. Elise will ask to have us on the agenda. We will try to contact Chase to determine what is happening with the project. Elise gave Cyndi Chase's email address., and she will try to call him.

Public Education Opportunities: Earth Day event. Sue discussed people we have contacted for the event. Sarah Thorne will bring her electric vehicle, Cathy Corkery from the NH Sierra Club will bring several folks with electric vehicles for people to see and possibly drive. We have contacted the Gilmanton School about using their parking area for the demonstrations. Fred Buchholz from the Gilmanton Year Round Library will discuss the Library's ground mounted solar array. We will invite Gary Lemay from the NH Electric Cooperative to discuss battery chargers. We will invite Chris Milner, owner of Unix Power Solutions from Laconia to discuss his battery development business. Elise will contact Selectman Evan Collins to invite him to discuss installation of electric battery charging stations.

The committee will tour Chris' battery production facility on March 11 in Laconia around 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Roles, voting for new chair. Elise asked if Kyle McAdam would like to join the committee. He expressed interest. Elise agreed to take on the role of chair as long as it doesn't conflict with her duties at the Town. If that occurs, we will re-think the roles. Aimee moved, Dick seconded Elise as chair, Dick as recording secretary. All approved. The committee also approved nominating Kyle McAdam to the committee.

Cyndi reached out to Bre Daigneault, the economic development staff person, about a possible master plan update. There is a road development plan. The Gilmanton School now has an energy committee, which we should offer support to, and stay in contact with. They are looking at energy conservation and efficiency issues, and they are looking at any federal funds that could be used to assist the school's energy upgrade. Aimee said she will follow up with the school's energy committee.

Discussion about a Clean Energy conference at UNH on February 16, part of the Carsey School of Public Policy Changemaker series. Cyndi provided details. Sue has been providing the committee updates on energy related legislation.

Adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Next meeting would be Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick de Seve, secretary.