

Approved

Gilmanton Energy Committee Meeting

Wednesday April 19, 2023

Academy Building

Gilmanton, NH

6:30 p.m.

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

Elise opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. with the usual announcements.

Review of minutes: Elise motioned, Sue seconded approval. Approved.

Elise swore in Kyle McAdam to the GEC, and Dick de Seve and Sue Hale-de Seve for new 3 year terms to the Gilmanton Conservation Commission.

Elise had no new information on the LED program for the Town. We have had materials delivered to the Fire Station for installation. Elise reviewed the latest information we had for the program. The new protocol for such projects will be that all contractors will participate in a walk through prior to bidding.

Earth Day update: Aimee will not be able to attend. Sarah Thorne will be there from 10-12. NHEC is not able to send a representative, but suggested looking at NH Saves for possible information flyers to display at the event. A new version of the Conservation Lands map has been enlarged and laminated for display at the event. Sue discussed the location of various displays at the event and the ground mounted solar setup at the library.

We do have liability coverage for the event through the Town's policy. Cyndi asked about safety crossing the road, and we discussed the possibility of cones, if available. Elise will check to see if the Town has several we can use. Signs for parking, and for location of electric vehicles on the school parking lot. We will bring trash bags for pick up after the event. Dick will try to download some information flyers from NHSaves and Cyndi and he will print some out for distribution.

New or other business: Town is participating in No Mow May program, not mowing Town property for May to assist pollinators. Aimee reviewed the Community Power program information. Aimee played a short video on Community Power program. Community members band together to purchase power together, Community has a say in the source of power, or the rate, regardless of source. Committee members will further review the program. Following further review, we may invite a representative of Community Power programs.

Aimee: would like future agendas to have action items listed at the bottom for review. Aimee suggested that, since several warrant articles passed dealing with vehicles, we might try to influence the purchase of more efficient vehicles? There are future spending items for mechanical items that may have more energy efficient alternatives available. We need to look into energy efficiency rebate programs through the Inflation Reduction Act that the Town and/or individual citizens may be eligible for. Kyle will look into further information on those programs,

Aimee may be attending an energy conference on May 17, so may not be able to attend the next meeting.

New Business: none this month.

Next meeting is May 17, 2023.

Adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick de Seve, secretary