

Approved

Gilmanton Energy Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 18, 2023

Academy Building

Gilmanton, NH

6:30 p.m.

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

Aimee Ruiter moved to approve the August minutes. Sue Hale-de Seve seconded. Approved.

Earth Day 2024 – this will be held on the previous Saturday, April 20. Sue will contact the GYRL to reserve the site. The New Hampshire Sierra Club has been contacted for participation and ideas for the event.

Community Power – the group will research this program. We will try to engage a speaker on Community Power for our next meeting. Elise has not been able to schedule Katrin Kasper to speak at one of our meetings thus far. Dick will try to contact Community Power for a speaker.

Elise discussed the new fees for both hybrid and electric vehicles, which is supposed to replace the lack of fees paid by these vehicle owners for not paying the gas tax. The fee is \$50 for hybrid and hybrid electric vehicles, \$100 for electric vehicles.

Cyndi reported that the state of Vermont is working to provide electric storage batteries to all state residents.

Aimee attended a conference on the "Road to Climate Adaptation" during the past week, and learned about Massachusetts municipalities preparing climate resiliency plans. Aimee has also started a year-long Professional Education Certificate Program in Sustainability at MIT.

Aimee suggested that we should work on a Climate Sustainability Plan for Gilmanton. There was discussion about transitioning to a committee focused on climate and environmental sustainability, perhaps a name change for the committee. With the damage done by severe weather to roads, power infrastructure and commercial entities, we discussed whether it would be more productive to focus on resiliency and sustainability and mitigation in this and other rural communities, rather than on strictly energy issues.

Adjourned at 7:31. Our next meeting will be on November 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick de Seve, recording secretary