

Approved 3/20/24
Gilmanton Energy Committee
Academy Building
Gilmanton, NH

February 21, 2024

6:00 pm

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

Elise opened the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Earth Day – event booked at the Gilmanton Year Round Library for April 20 from 11-2 pm. Lori Baldwin said the Trails Committee will participate. Hopefully, there will be a hike on Cogswell Mountain trails that day. Sue has contacted the NH Sierra Club for information. There is a website providing information on electric vehicles that Elise is trying to access to determine what information they have. The site is through Plug-In America, Sierra Club and several other groups. We will continue to try to access the site. Univix Systems will bring information and some of their efficiency products. Dick will reach out to Gilmanton's Own to ask if they would like to participate. Elise has contacted the Lower Gilmanton Community Club to see if they would like to participate. Aimee will contact the school to ask if they have any interest in participating and to ask for permission to park any electric vehicles on their parking lot. Cyndi suggested having a thorough explanation of how the whole process of electric vehicles and charging them works. Elise will contact Grappone Toyota for a possible speaker.

Elise: Board of Selectmen denied our request to change the name, but tabled seeking further information. We need to focus on the educational aspects of our work. Elise determined that Gilmanton does provide solar and wood heat tax exemptions. Dick suggested we review the audit done to help to determine what building might need work next. Any work will not occur until 2025, but we need to start determining what that work would entail by August of this year. We will hold No Mow May again this year, hopefully to develop more participation. Aimee suggested doing some educational work on No Mow May at the Earth Day event. We will speak to several farmers who might be interested in talking about the benefits of pollinators to their farms. We will review the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting to take their suggestions and develop our future plans. We will try to develop a survey in response to the Selectmen's suggestion. All of us will spend some time thinking of questions to include in the survey for the March 20 meeting.

Aimee suggested meeting with some of the other Town committees and commissions to determine how we can work together on issues of mutual interest.

Elise will update the Earth Day poster and put it on the Town website and Sue will get it to the Laconia Daily Sun for publicity.

Adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Richard de Seve, recording secretary

