

Approved

Gilmanton Energy Committee Meeting

Wednesday May 18, 2022

Academy Building

Gilmanton, NH

6:30 p.m.

Present: Sue Hale-de Seve, Aimee Ruiter, Dick de Seve, Cyndi Paulin, Nate Abbott, Elise Smith, Vincenzo Sisti.

Nate opened the meeting at 6:30.

We reviewed the minutes of April 20, 2022. Aimee moved approval, Cyndi seconded approval. Approved.

Nate: reviewed discussion of proposed RFP, Selectmen's issue concerning approval and selection of the Clerk of the Works. Nate thought we'd get a Clerk of the Works in place ASAP, after approval by the Select board, then discuss the full RFP with the Select Board. At the moment, at least two people have expressed some interest in the Clerk's position. Nate believes we have the right to express the Committee's opinion on candidates. Vincenzo believes we'll have two weeks prior to the June 6 Selectmen's meeting, which is plenty of time in the present job market for interested persons to apply. Contractors are very busy at the moment, so two weeks to reply to the full RFP might be a short timeline. Discussion of how to have the Clerk of the Works selected for approval and the RFP approved by the Selectmen by the June 6 meeting.

Discussion of timeline to get the electrical work done, hopefully over the summer, then the weatherization done in the fall. Continuing supply chain issues could delay these proposed timelines. We then discussed having the RFP contractor selected by the July 18 Selectmen's meeting. The plan would be for the Clerk of the Works to review the proposals, and then the committee would select perhaps 3 of the best proposals to present to the Selectmen. Nate suggested contacting Heather Carpenter to determine what the Selectmen's meetings will be after July 18. We need to have the RFP approved by June 20. Aimee suggested that, if the Clerk of the Works were selected by June 6, RFP go out June 7, and the Clerk could review the RFP to determine if any changes were necessary. Elise will check with Heather to see if we can arrange this timeline. Nate thanked all for contributing to the proposed RFP.

Solarize Campaign appreciation event. Nate will take down the Solarize sign at the library on Friday.

Nate had included some links for various energy efficiency websites to review. For review and discussion at the next meeting. Nate had contacted Sarah to get her up to speed on our ongoing work.

Vincenzo: trying to get more folks involved at committee meetings. The Planning Board is working with the student leadership group at the Gilmanton School to write some short essays as to how they see the Town in 10-20 years. This has been a Town wide problem. Cyndi suggested a World Cafe, an

open discussion of various topics, with members from various boards attending to talk to issues of import to them. All the boards and committees need ongoing input as they develop plans for the future work that needs to be done. We'll come up with some ideas over email and see what comes up in the next two weeks.

Dick moved, Elise seconded adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick de Seve, secretary

Nate summarized the discussions and decisions made during the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00. Next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick de Seve, secretary.