

Approved

Gilmanton Energy Committee Meeting

Wednesday November 16, 2022

Academy Building

Gilmanton, NH

6:30 p.m.

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

Nate opened the meeting at 6:30.

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

Nate began the meeting discussing how we were working on contacting contractors. Chase Cournoyer sent the proposed agreement on work to be done that equalled the \$40,000 we had to work with to the Selectmen. We have not heard back from the Town on any action taken by the Town on the one bid we had received. Elise will ask Heather Carpenter if anything has been done.

2023 Education Opportunities: the group had suggested some events at the Library based on energy efficiency and ways to achieve it. Cyndi discussed issues from the large Energy Conference. One idea was some communities adding Energy sections to their Master Plans. Speakers talked about how climate change could affect towns like Gilmanton. Maple sugaring is a key financial benefit for many farmers in Gilmanton, and could be adversely affected by the warming climate. Price Farm is the largest producer in Gilmanton, and could be a possible interested partner in these efforts. There are several other large (and smaller) farms in Gilmanton who might be interested in working with us. UNH has a **NH Listens** program that addresses many local issues, and could be a source of a program dealing with climate change as it affects local communities. These community sessions could give us some data points to work from. Also, NH Listens could be a source for neutral facilitators if we wanted to host a climate change related community dialogue.

Sue suggested contacting Cathy Corkery, executive director of the NH Sierra Club, to discuss potential impacts of climate change on communities in NH. Elise described her Maple Sugar hop weekend, visiting various maple sugaring farms to possibly discuss climate change effects on those farms.

Cyndi asked what the goal of these projects would be, and Nate said there is a problem getting more people to believe that there is a real, immediate climate change problem that is affecting all of us now. Dick said we should have someone talk to us about Climate Change and Your Property value and insurability based on climate change. Snowmobiling is another activity that generates a great deal of income that has been very adversely affected by the lack of snow recently.

Clean Energy NH is doing a 31 day Energy Challenge, on Twitter and Instagram platforms. Yale University has done a report on Americans' attitudes toward climate change entitled "Global Warnings

Six Americas”.The poll each year divides the country into 6 segments, according to the respondents’ views on climate change. UNH Survey Center does a similar survey program on climate change..

Nate announced that he is going to have to leave the committee. His brother has passed away, and his sister is affected by dementia. Other siblings are elderly and dealing with various health issues, and live out in Michigan.

Next meeting is December 21, 2022.

Adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick de Seve, secretary