

Approved

Gilmanton Energy Committee

Academy Building

Gilmanton, NH

March 20, 2024

6:02 pm

Present: Elise Smith, Kyle McAdam, Sue Hale-de Seve, Cyndi Paulin. Aimee Ruitter excused absence. Lori Baldwin from the Trails Subcommittee of the Gilmanton Conservation Committee attended.

Review of January 17 meeting minutes. Elise moved, Sue seconded approval. Approved.

Review of February 21 meeting minutes. Elise moved, Sue seconded approval. Approved.

2024 Earth Day plans discussion: To be held at the Year Round Library (GYRL) on April 20 from 11:00 – 2:00. Lori Baldwin confirmed that the Trails Subcommittee is eager to participate in the celebration. Aimee has sent information on the event to the Gilmanton School to inform them and gauge their interest in participation. The Citizens Climate Lobby has requested space at the event. We will see that they receive a place. Gilmanton's Own will have representation at the event, as well. Grappone Ford is unable to send a representative or bring an electric vehicle as they are short staffed at the moment. Elise spoke to Paula Gilman at the Lower Gilmanton Community Club about participating and will work with her. Dick will contact Fred B. from the GYRL to ask him to speak on the solar installation at the library. Lori Baldwin says the Stop Plastics project of EarthDay.org will officially begin on Earth Day, and that could be something we could include in the program. Information on the Town project for Plastics recycling will be available for the event. Dick and Sue will take any plastic recyclables to the Transfer Station the Sunday after Earth Day. Lori Baldwin suggested having local owners of electric vehicles available to discuss and demonstrate their vehicles.

Elise will check with Claudia Ferber of the GYRL about any possible inside craft activities, especially for children. Elise will post the Earth Day poster on the Town website tomorrow. Lori could donate seeds to make "seed bombs" for kids to make and plant. She will also have a table seeking volunteers for the Trails Subcommittee, complete with current trails maps. Elise will work on advertising the Town's No Mow May project, and possibly doing some crafting of bird seed shapes for the kids. Cyndi asked if anyone knew if the GYRL is planning on planting more seeds on their grounds. Other suggested activities included a May Pole, butterfly clothespins, a possible composting demonstration. Dick wondered if DES is still doing something like that as they did years ago. We also discussed having flyers for Hazardous Waste Days in the area; there is a list of towns holding these days on the Lakes Region Planning Commission website. Some of the towns participating include: Laconia, Bristol, Franklin, Gilford, Belmont, Meredith, Moultonborough and Tamworth. We discussed having live music, possibly by the Dump Run Gang? Also, a scavenger hunt along one of the easier trails for the kids, having a Lorax posted along the trail for the kids.

We reviewed a couple of changes in the mission statement.

Elise forwarded the last audit review of the Committee's work and asked us all to review it and decide which remaining project originally proposed should be tackled next. DPW or Transfer Station?

Survey questions: Cyndi suggested one more question on support for some of the proposed projects, and how changing weather patterns have affected businesses or life in general in the Town.

We decided to keep the meeting time to 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn 7:10 pm.

Dick de Seve, recording secretary