

Lee Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2019, 6:30pm
Lee Public Library

Members present: Amy Schmidt (chair), Dean Rubine, Randy Stevens

Officials Present: Steve Bullek, Public Works Manager; Cary Brown, Selectman

Members absent: Arthur Bradbury

Officials Absent: N/A

Public present: Much of the meeting was a joint meeting with the Lee Sustainability Committee, with LSC chair Paul Gasowski and member Jen Messeder. Dean Rubine is a member of both committees.

O. Lee Transfer Station History Blurbs - Randy

1976 Town Meeting (Same year burning stopped and the dump became a Transfer Station).

Art 17 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen through ordinances or other means to restrict the use of the Town Dump to residences or agents of the Town only.

Art 13 – Rejected a motion to authorize door to door rubbish pickup. Selectmen presented a bid of 36,100 dollars. Motion defeated Yes 36, No 82.

Art 14 – Adopted an Appropriation of 2,000 dollars for a voluntary recycling operation (Purchase of Steel Bins).

I. Call to order - 6:32 pm

The committee heard officially that Toby Van Aken is no longer employed by the town of Lee. The committee thanks Toby for his service to Lee and the SWC.

The committee was informed member Arthur Bradbury was moving out of town. The committee sadly thanks Arthur for his service.

II. Approval of Minutes - 4-1-2019, 4-29-2019 minutes approval tabled until next meeting.

III. Composting Pilot Implementation

Steve Bullek, Public Works Manager, will add the Transfer Station to his responsibilities. Congratulations and welcome, Steve.

Steve reported that there was no money in the Transfer Station budget for the initial purchase of bins (2 @ \$80 each) and bags (\$50 for roll of 600). At the Select Board meeting which approved the composting pilot, Toby had assured the selectman the money was available in the budget. Various options were discussed, including Steve finding the money from the Public Works budget, asking the Select Board for the funds, and personal funding from a committee member. The easiest path seemed to be Steve finding the relatively small amount of money.

Steve reported he had four additional signups for the pilot in addition to the approximately 20 in Toby's currently inaccessible email. The committee said now was the time to start advertising more heavily, in anticipation of a late June / early July commencement. The committee asked Steve to contact Denise about adding a slide to the transfer station TV monitor. Steve will also

contact Mr. Fox re Flyers, initial purchases and pickup days. Committee members will post on Neighbor Lee Facebook, their own personal pages and other places as appropriate. Flyers will be distributed at community events, starting with the church BBQ on Saturday.

The committee heard reports of a composting program that has commenced in Newmarket. Newmarket has trash pickup but residents must go to the transfer station to drop off compost. Steve will contact Newmarket DPW for status, tips.

IV. Joint meeting with Sustainability Committee.

Amy: Welcome Paul and Jen. How might our committees work together?

Jen: Let's clarify the distinctions between the SWC, mostly concerned with the transfer station, and the LSC, broadly concerned with sustainability in town, including education.

Paul: The LSC tries to be a clearinghouse for other committees and to collaborate where appropriate. LSC goal: education and awareness. We did town water report and Lee's Trees to get folks outside thinking about the environment. We can be the "communication wing" for the SWC.

Jen: I could use help from the SWC and transfer station employee's fact checking my E-Crier articles.

Steve: Chip and Peter Hoyt at the transfer station are better people to ask than me. They don't have town email so email me and I'll relay your questions.

Amy: You may email the SWC committee as well to proof articles

Steve: The swap shop has some problems. I removed paint from there; that's not allowed. Furniture that can't be stored isn't allowed.

Dean: Electronics are restricted. Let's send Steve a copy of the swap shop rules. (Amy emailed rules.)

Steve: The volunteers aren't following the rules. Accepting unacceptable stuff. Returning bulky fee coupons if item is taken (that was the old rule, changed for the new swap shop.) Taking stuff for themselves.

Amy: There aren't enough volunteers to enforce the rules on the volunteers we have.

?: Shirley isn't at the swap shop very much to supervise.

Paul: Swap shop could be better structured/organized

Steve: We could save \$6000 annually burning brush, versus paying someone to haul it away.

Randy: We used to do that but the locals didn't like it.

Steve: I'll try to find a good time. Once the bulk is burned, keeping up with input should require small, infrequent burns.

Randy: I'll check with other towns about times they burn brush

Dean: Paul, from a sustainability perspective, is it better to truck the brush off or to burn it locally? Paul wasn't sure.

Steve: The oil hasn't been changed in some of the Transfer Station machines ever.

Steve: There are people from other towns using the transfer station.

Amy: We need to enforce the stickers. Maybe folks can get their stickers when they register their car.

VIII. Next Meeting date and topics for Agenda.

Monday June 24, 2019, 6:30 pm
Mr. Fox compost pilot planning
Website doc
Signage

IX. Adjournment - 7:58 pm