



Lee Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes - APPROVED
Feb 13, 2018 at 7:00PM
Lee Public Safety Complex

Present: Paul Gasowski, Leslie Adams, Matt Rowell, Chuck Cox, Carol Doering, Jen Messeder
Absent: Brian Giles, Dean Rubine

Call to Order at 7:02PM by Paul Gasowski

Preliminary Actions

A. Introductions:

1. Carol Doering attending for familiarization to the committee
2. Jen Messeder attending to present on carbon footprint training

B. Agenda Approved.

C. Minutes: Minutes approved as amended from 01/09/18.

D. Correspondence:

1. Energy committee seeking ideas for future presentation topics.
2. Sustain@leenh.org setup with auto forwarding to Matt.

E. Other: N/A

Public Comments: None

Discussion Items

A. Jen Messeder: Low Carbon Diet Workshop Proposal

- a. Jen presented to the committee her willingness to teach a prepared curriculum on Low Carbon Diet practices to interested community members.
- b. LSC will facilitate with advertising and coordinating venue.
- c. Workshop intended for 4 - 8 families meeting 4 times, generally once a week for 4 weeks.
- d. Jen will follow up to the LSC with her desired date range to start.

- B. Backyard Farming Initiative (BFI) - Chuck presented on the status of last month's meeting and provided an update for the coming months.
- C. E-Crier Articles: Paul requested committee members review Dean's article and provide feedback in preparation for next month's meeting.
- D. Skill Share Network
 - a. Matt presented version 2 of the proposal which includes implementation sequence.
 - b. Paul forwarded proposal to the Selectman's Office
 - c. Pending feedback from Selectmen, Matt will commence putting the plan into action.

New Business

- A. Program Initiatives for Spring/Summer 2018: Paul encouraged members to continue to work on the E-Crier article publishing.
- B. Big Oil Divestment: Leslie presented on actions across the nation by towns, schools and organizations to divest from Big Oil.
 - The committee agreed that it's worthy of continued research to determine if it's something the LSC would like to present to the town in the future.
- C. Paper Use: Paul shared a concern communicated to him regarding providing print outs for the LSC meetings. The LSC unanimously agreed to begin informal research into the town's use of paper and to determine whether paper is sourced from sustainable harvesting practices.
- D. Recycling: Chuck met with Toby at the Transfer Station regarding recommended improvements to the plastic recycling program. Toby was receptive. Chuck will continue to build that relationship between the LSC and the Transfer Station.
 - Swap Shop: Some discussion was had over the future of the swap shop and the value that it provides to the community.

Public Comments: None

Closing Actions

- A. Next Meeting: TBD.
- B. Paul will coordinate a venue for Low Carbon Diet Workshop.
- C. Paul will research Lee paper use.
- D. Leslie will research divestment from Big Oil

E. Paul will communicate Lee Skill Share to Selectman's Office and report feedback to Matt.

1. Pending feedback, Matt will commence building the framework to host the Skill Share

F. All members will review Dean's E-Crier article and provide feedback.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33PM