Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes-APPROVED
February 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Lee Safety Complex, Second Floor Conference Room

Members present: Paul Gasowski (chair), Jennifer Messeder, Chuck Cox, Dean Rubine
Members absent: Leslie Adams, Matt Rowell
Public present: Otis Perry, guest from Dover Energy Commission

I. Call to Order 6:36 pm
II. Preliminary Actions

A. Introductions Otis Perry is Chuck's friend, long time Dover resident and volunteer, currently serving on Dover's Energy Committee. He's here to explore the possibility of a Dover Sustainability Committee. Welcome, Otis.

B. Approval of Agenda approved, no changes

C. Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2019

Dean moved, Jen 2nd. Approved 3-0 (Chuck not present)

D. Correspondence/Events: Energy Committee, Zero Waste Initiative (Glover), Lee's Trees

Mary Woodward of Energy Committee sent an email that raised the issue of a Charging Station at Mast Way. Apparently the ORCSD Sustainability Committee is supporting an ORCSD intern from UNH exploring the addition of a charging station to Mast Way. The group met Friday in the library for 30 minutes, Mary, Paul G, and Justin Klingler, a public policy masters student with an interest in sustainability. A Mast Way charging station would cost $25K to install, $5K of that offset through funds (VW emissions settlement), report including survey to go to school board.

Card from Catherine Fisher re Lee's Trees.

Article to read from Julie Glover

E. Other:

Dean reports his wife Ruth is grafting apple trees, getting old trees to grow different kinds of apples.

III. Public Comments

We got Otis Perry to tell us about various things going on in Dover which we include partly here and partly in the next item.

Re: Charging station. Dover's parking garage has a charging station, paid for out of VW Diesel cheating settlement money within the last year. Garage built 3 years ago. Contact Bill Simons, Dover Parking Services Coordinator for more details. There is contention for parking at charging spots.

IV. Discussion Items/Updates

A. Waste Reduction/Composting:

Dean: didn't get a chance to ask Toby vanAken about the composting money in the transfer station budget.

Dean got a few people riled enough about pay per bag to show up at the Solid Waste Committee meeting a couple of weeks ago. He was hoping to attract some new members, which may have actually worked. Unfortunately, he left before the pay per bag discussion to go to the Lee's Trees event.

Otis Perry re. Pay Per Bag. PpB reduced the amount of trash by 35%. Most people in town opposed. Didn't factor in cost of recycling. Bags cover tipping and collection. Program instituted 16 years ago.

Dean: Forward NRRA meeting information

Jen: Presented method for presenting and implementing projects. Uses a large 11x17 inch-like piece of paper to chart progress for identifying problems, goals, solutions and evaluation of outcomes.

Chuck: Packaging, Regulations, plastics are challenging for landfills.

Jen: Curiosity / explanation. What's in your trash bag? Lee Fair activity.

Otis: Dover had interns visit dump, dump out and measured each kind of trash in bag

Matt (composting): N/A

Chuck: No contact with George Estes regarding composting.

B. Lee's Trees Project Update

Handed out Plaques to Mast Way

Do it again next year? Committee: Yes

Questions: How to change it? How to reduce the amount of work in formatting entries?

Dean: Move to reimburse Jen $10-$20 for vegetable patter. 2nd Paul. 4-0 approved.

Jen: Move to reimburse Paul $12.96+$33.93 Staples bill. Dean: 2nd. 4-0 approved.

C. Dean: Committee Web Site Template

No progress; will work on it this time.

D. Deliberative Session Report

Chuck: Nuclear Disarmament Warrant Article

Petitions presented at DS, moved to ballot. Low turnout, 71 people voted at DS. Film shown March 5 Tuesday at the Lee Library, "The Man Who Saved the World" about a Russian sub officer who took singlehandedly stopped an erroneous strike. Sponsored by Seacoast Peace Academy. Bill Woodward, Chuck, letter to the editor.

Paul: Letter to Select Board

The board didn't act on our letter to recommend the article so the article appears on the ballot without the board's recommendation.

Town Center Warrant Articles

Paul: See website

E. All: E-Crier Articles (Dean: Municipal Composting w/Matt Smith, Jen: Four Laws of Ecology. Schedule of Articles for Next Four Weeks

Dean: Yes, run municipal composting article.

Jen: 4 laws of ecology in process. Grief: Email of Jan 5 to be linked to article.

Matt compost?

F. Other

N/A

V. New Business

A. Paul: ORCSD Sustainability / UNH Intern / Energy Comm / Car Charging Station at MW

See discussion above

B. Chuck/Paul Regulation of cottage industries

Zoning in Lee. Accessory uses in residential district. Can extend in a warrant article. Agriculture allowed in all zones. Accessory use allowed: music lessons, insurance agent. If you have you need exceptions.

Paul: Artisan, weaver, loom, shop, farm stands – notify inspector.

Allowed versus encouraged. Matt's knife sharpening. Saves commuting. Sustainability.

Paul: There are 4 agriculture guides to the farms of Lee. None include cottage industries. Cottage industries should be promoted. Which commission?

Chuck: Form Lee Chamber of Commerce which could promote cottage industries. Better than involving town government.

Paul: Next step? Chuck will keep researching.

C. Goal Setting

Add:

Lee's Trees

Lee Fair Booth

Waste Stream / Swap Shop / Zero Waste

Otis Perry: Governor's Sustainability Office / State Planning / Building Systems / Passive house – heat with a toaster. NH Housing Finance Authority Single / Multi unit. Pushing sustainable construction. Website.

D. Other

N/A

VI. Public Comments

N/A

VII. Closing Actions

A. Future Meeting Dates: Second Tuesday of each month at Safety Complex

Second Tuesday is Election Day(3/12). Meeting March 19, 2019, 7pm Public Safety Complex

B. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting:

As noted

VIII. Adjournment

8:28 pm

Draft Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rubine