

Lee Sustainability Committee  
Meeting Minutes - APPROVED  
February 21, 2017 at 7:00PM  
Lee Public Safety Complex

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

**Call to Order** at 7:05PM by Paul Gasowski

**Preliminary Actions**

- A. Introductions: Jen Messeder attending for committee familiarization.
- B. Approval of Agenda.
- C. Minutes: Minutes accepted from 1/25/17.
- D. Correspondence:
  - 1. Paul shared his recent visit with recovering committee member Brian Giles.
  - 2. Chuck shared his experience from a recent Climate Impact Maple Breakfast regarding the effects of climate change on the maple syrup industry.

**Public Comments:** None

**Discussion Items**

- A. Reading List - Nothing to report.
- B. Contact with NHDES - Discussion item carried over into New Business.
- C. Facilities Committee Downtown Proposals - Limited discussion surrounding future listening session scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 in the Safety Complex.
- D. Citizens' Climate Lobby Presentation Update - Paul has been in contact with the Conservation Commission to share that the Sustainability Committee is willing to co-sponsor an information session regarding this carbon tax initiative.

**New Business**

- A. Water Resource Findings: Paul presented an existing survey he found on the NHDES website. Discussion followed on data collection and availability and the possibility to adapt the survey to meet our intent.
- B. Tool Library: Matt presented a proof of concept to the group for an online directory for community tool sharing.
  - Jen shared Time Bank parallels and the value of face-to-face interactions.

- Discussions around liability and how to absolve the town and the Sustainability Committee of any.
- Chuck commented the inclusion of some tools with the operator; chainsaw, tiller, etc.

**Public Comments:** None

### **Closing Actions**

- A. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 7:00PM, location TBD.
- B. Agenda Planning:
  1. NHDES: Paul will forward NHDES links to the group and try to contact the NHDES to discuss the existing survey, data availability, and potential for adaptation to meet our needs.
  2. Tool Library: Matt will continue to build out the tool library with input from a few more residents, as well as research existing case studies of such a project.
  3. Composting: Dean will research compost handling methods at the Mast Way School.
  4. Recruitment: Paul asked for increased effort in growing the number of committee members.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM