



Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting

APPROVED Minutes March 19, 2019 7 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: N/A

I. Call to Order 7:04 pm

II. Preliminary Actions

A. Introductions N/A

B. Approval of Agenda 4-0 approved, no changes **C. Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2019**

Dean moved, Chuck 2nd. Approved 4-0 as extensively amended

D. Correspondence/Events: Energy Committee emails, plastic bills

Mary Woodward of Energy Committee sent an email re the plastic ban, spearheaded by Durham and Madbury's own state rep Judith Spang.

Beautiful card from Catherine Fisher re Lee's Trees, thanks Catherine.

E. Other: N/A

III. Public Comments N/A

IV. Discussion Items/Updates

A. Waste Reduction/Composting:

Dean: Toby says the composting money in the transfer station budget is for buying (and then offering to the public) outdoor compost bins.

The Solid Waste Committee approved a pilot program to explore composting at the transfer station via Mr. Fox.

Toby reported on changes to the market. Mostly moving against us, costing more or getting less when disposing of various waste, but recycling remains very viable in Lee, mostly due to the efforts of the citizenry and transfer station staff to produce “clean” waste, meaning well sorted with fewer than 10% contaminating items.

Chuck: Had a relevant book Community Scale Composting. Re: Matt: Draft Guide on Building a Container at Home – N/A Dean needs to re-up asap.

B. Chuck/Jen Backyard Farming Initiative

Jen was moved up to last month; did event with Alan Eaton, and Chuck and Laurel Cox brought skulls. This Monday it's **Dave Miner**, Live 'N Learn Daycare, and **Marsha Barden**, Ret. USDA Wildlife Services, talks about regulations concerning the animals around us.

C. Dean: Committee Web Site Template

Made a draft at leenhsust.blogspot.com; will continue to populate with content for release next month.

D. Town Meeting / Chuck: Nuclear Disarmament Warrant Article / Town Center

Petition passed 65% to 35%. Letter in Fosters Friday before vote. Passed in Exeter and Dover too. Now the selectboard should send the letter as indicated; Chuck will investigate the procedure, what's going on in other towns, get on the agenda. Select board meeting conflicts with BFI this Monday.

Town Center failed; backup plan?

E. All: E-Crier Articles (Jen: Grief and Climate Change, Four Laws of Ecology. Schedule of Articles for Next Four Weeks

Jen: 4 laws of ecology in process. Stuck asking why? Focusing on “No such thing as a free lunch.”

Discussed ‘Grief ‘article. Recommended it run with Jen’s byline and a clause indicating we recognize it’s not the same grief as the loss of a loved one. Jen will submit Thursday for Friday E-crier.

Rochester, which we use and which UNH gets methane from.

V. New Business

A. Paul: Car Charging Station

Charging station at Harwood VT HS. Paul will follow up.

B. Chuck/Paul Supporting Local Economy: Food and Cottage Industries in Lee Chuck will research, bring up with Ag Comm. NH cottage industries, Lee ordinances. **C. Initiatives for 2019**

Lee Fair and Sustainability Stones. Jen will work on paperweights.

Low Carbon Initiatives. Paul: Link to Oprah magazine article. Turn into E-crier article. Dean: link directly from website. Paul: issue of links in e-crier.

Waste Stream Reduction. Jen: Refuse or refuse. What's in your trash back? Lee's Trees. Paul: Plaques still being produced.

D. Membership and Leadership

Matt no longer listed on the website as a member. Paul will check. Committee expressed unanimous support for Paul to continue as chair.

E. Other

VI. Public Comments

N/A

VII. Closing Actions

A. Future Meeting Dates: Second Tuesday of each month at Library
April 9, 2019, 7 pm Public Safety Complex

B. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting:

As noted.

VIII. Adjournment

8:56 pm 4-0

Draft Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rubine

