



Lee Sustainability Committee  
Meeting Minutes – APPROVED  
April 9, 2018 at 7:00PM  
Lee Public Safety Complex

Members present: Paul Gasowski, Chuck Cox, Dean Rubine  
Members absent: Matt Rowell, Leslie Adams  
Public present: Jen Messeder

I. Call to Order at 7:00PM by Paul Gasowski, Chair

II. Preliminary Actions

II.A. Introductions: Jen is back for more Low Carbon Diet Workshop planning

II.B. Agenda Approved, absent member reports to be skipped

II.C. Minutes: 3/19/18 minutes approved 3-0 as amended. Added Chris Sklogland, fixed typos.

II.D. Correspondence/Events:

Paul: Good dinner, movie ("Sustainable") and panel discussion at Oyster River High last week. Paul, Dean and Chuck all attended.

III. Public Comments: none

IV Discussion Items/Updates

IV. A. Chuck: Backyard Farming Initiative update. The next one is Apr 23 will be hosted by Don Quigley and feature Dick Wolmar and Yuda and Amy

Daskal. The theme is Managing Your Garden. April 23, 7pm at the Lee Grange. May 23 Kristen Cisneros.

IV. B. Matt/Paul Skill Share Network proposal. Paul shared a letter from the town attorney (attached) suggesting fingerprinting and background checks on potential mentors. This is likely a non-starter and this project probably must separate itself from the town of Lee to continue. Waiting to hear from Matt.

#### IV.C. Jen Messeder: Low Carbon Diet Workshop Proposal

We discovered a conflict of the info session with the energy presentation (cohosted by LSC and the Energy comm) on April 30 at the Lee Church. Plan is for Jen to try to work out with Mary Woodward add to the energy presentation Jen's Low Carbon Diet Workshop info session. Ideally Jen will present 15-30 minutes before or after energy presentation. If Mary/ EnergyComm agrees, Jen well update notices, etc. in time for Thursday AM E-Crier submission.

IV.D. Dean presented draft of water testing article for E-Crier, minor edits required, will send to Paul for Thursday E-Crier submission.

IV.E. Leslie/Divesting from Big Oil - absent

#### V. New Business

V.A. Chuck: Swap shop slab poured, no information on construction schedule. Paul: With skill sharing network likely gone, we should focus on transfer station / waste stream issues. Committee agrees.

Plan:

- Encourage transfer station to post swap shop construction schedule in E-Crier
- Try to expand recyclables accepted: #1 clamshells, #1 plastic sheets from Blue Apron, etc.
- Invite Toby Van Aiken, Transfer Station director, to LSC meeting May or June
- Research China no longer taking recyclables.
- Write E-Crier articles on composting: Dean/home, Matt/farm, Dean/municipal

Start a "post your composting bucket/system" photo series on Low Carbon Diet facebook page

V.B. Paul / municipal paper use / no news

V.C. Matt / community / absent

V.D. Paul: Trees. Paul had the idea to have a contest to find the biggest trees in town. People would post pictures. We'd have categories: biggest pine, biggest maple, etc. Announce winners at a community dinner in a yurt or next year's BFI.

V.E. Chuck: Next year's BFI theme: Critters, wild and domestic, including children. LSC intends to co-sponsor.

V.F. Paul: Lee volunteers get discounts on propane from DF Richard. Committee might want to encourage greener discounts.

VI. no public comments

VII. Closing Actions

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 8 at 7pm, Safety Complex

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM