



**Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
APPROVED Minutes April 9, 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

Public present: N/A

I. Call to Order 7:05 pm

II. Preliminary Actions

Dean and Chuck were not sworn in as members after their three year terms so this will be a workshop meeting, no votes. Everybody should be sworn in by next time.

A. Introductions N/A

B. Approval of Agenda N/A

C. Minutes: Approve Minutes from 3/19/19

Tabled till next meeting.

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

Paul will dig up a video from ORHS 1984 with a young Randy Stevens

E. Other N/A

III. Public Comments N/A

IV. Discussion Items/Updates

A. Waste Reduction/Composting:

Dean: Solid Waste Committee Update

The SWC is initiating a pilot compost program in Lee. Up to 200 participants for six months with Mr. Fox. Goal: determine feasibility of municipal composting in Lee. Budget: \$800

B. (Chuck) Backyard Farming Initiative Update

Chuck distributed the Lees Trees plaques at the BFI. Upcoming BFI April 22, May 20

C. Dean: Committee Web Site Update

Just about ready to go, send content. leenhsust.blogspot.com

D. All: Debrief on Town Voting

Chuck: Citizens' Petition Nuclear Disarmament Warrant Article Update

No information if/when select board will send letter approved by voters.

E. All: E-Crier Articles - (Jen) 'Four Laws of Ecology', 'Refuse-Refuse', 'What's in Your Bag', 'Over the Wall and into the Bin', 'Low Carbon Pointers' and Other Ideas. Schedule of Articles for Next Four Weeks

Reviewed Jen's articles – they're good to run.

Paul: Add a picture to complement when an article runs two weeks in a row.

Intersperse with short pieces. Start advertising web site.

F. Other

Dean will find out about Market Basket plastic bag recycling

Dean will look for article – Which fruits and vegetables should we buy organic?

V. New Business

A. (Paul): Joint Meeting with Energy Committee

Paul will schedule for our next meeting.

B. (Chuck) Supporting Local Economy: Food and Cottage Industries in Lee Update

Farm stores are part of the Lee Zoning Ordinance 2018. Section E

Zone A: commercial use.

Review ordinance. Expand to cottage industries? (Paul)

Produce directory of cottage industries? (Paul)

Matt is comfortable with his business's "perceived restrictions"

Survey: 12% work at home, 80% drive to work

C. Initiatives for 2019 (Ongoing and New): Low Carbon Initiatives

Paul: Low Carbon Diet articles; Jen: One Bin at a Time

Waste Stream Reduction and Zero Waste

Chuck: Recycling contaminants: feed bags, pallets, bailing twine, egg bins

Paul: Any non polypropylene feed bags? Ask at Agway?

Bottle bill: Laws which prohibit waste

Backyard Farming Initiative and Promoting Local Food and Products

Chuck: BFI looking for a theme next year. Jen: Cottage industries,

Value added

Lee's Trees Project : Planning

Paul: Lee's trees directions can be improved

D. Membership

Matt Rowell's term has elapsed and he has decided not to renew. The committee thanks Matt for his service.

Leslie intends to participate more now that school is winding down.

E. Other

Cord Bloomquist – Lee Chamber of Commerce

Local Home business

Don't want big boxes

Ordinance: Sustainable living. Make sure ordinance supports vision.

Green Alliance

Seacoast Alliance

VI. Public Comments N/A

VII. Closing Actions

A. Future Meeting Dates: Second Tuesday of each month

May 14, 2019 at 7:00PM-Safety Complex

B. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting: May 14, 2019 at 7:00PM-Safety Complex

See above. Paul will invite the Energy Committee.

VIII. Adjournment

8:32 pm

Draft Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rubine