



**Lee Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes – APPROVED
May 8, 2018 at 7:00PM
Lee Public Safety Complex**

Members present: Paul Gasowski, Chuck Cox, Dean Rubine
Members absent: Matt Rowell, Leslie Adams
Public present: None

I. Call to Order at 7:07PM by Paul Gasowski, Chair

II. Preliminary Actions

II.A. Introductions: none

II.B. Agenda Approved 3-0, absent member reports to be skipped.

II.C. Minutes of 4/9/18 approved 3-0

II.D. Correspondence/Events: Paul relays how the Concord, MA Resilience Coalition draft report shows how Massachusetts is way ahead of NH in their sustainability efforts, perhaps indicating a path for LSC. He will share the report with the committee.

III. Public Comments: none

IV Discussion Items/Updates

IV. A. Chuck: Backyard Farming Initiative update. Almost twenty people attended the April 29 BFI hosted by Don Quigley, speakers Dick Wolmar and Yuda and Amy Daskal. Went well, thanks everyone. May 23 Kristen Cisneros and Chuck himself will present on canning, fermenting, cool storage live & dead, and continuous harvesting, including a show and tell. At the Lee Grange.

IV. B. The committee discussed Professor Mike Mooiman's presentation cohosted with the energy committee April 30. All agreed it was a stimulating talk.
Takeaways: (1) In NH around 2/3 of energy is wasted and only one third put to

work, indicating energy efficiency efforts may be the most cost-effective way to "find" new energy, rather than new sources. (2) New England is not approving new energy projects at a rate to avoid future winter rolling blackouts!

IV. C. Jen Messeder absent. Dean, Paul & Chuck attended the Low Carbon Diet intro session before the Mooiman talk. It went well, with the professor referring warmly to Jen's intro several times during his talk. We're worried about sufficient attendees for first session Monday May 14 7pm Safety Complex.

IV. D. Dean reports a couple of positive comments about the water testing article. He will draft article on Composting at Home, intended for publication in E Crier 5/18/18.

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

V. New Business

V.A. Chuck: Swap shop framed, no information on construction schedule. Paul: Reiterates we should focus on transfer station / waste stream issues. Committee agrees. Chuck will invite Toby VanAken, Transfer Station director, to LSC meeting. Concerns about uninsulated swap shop contrary to previous plans. Concerns China no longer taking recyclables.

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

V.C. Matt / social / absent

V.D. Paul: Trees. Paul had some ideas about Biggest Trees in Lee contest. Idea to post pictures online so tree experts can identify your tree if you can't. Plan to announce winners at a community dinner in a yurt or next year's BFI. Concerns over how to measure trees, too many categories species x {town,small,big} lot. Paul will talk over idea with Don Quigley, local tree expert and other committees, via letter he will draft.

V.E. Paul: check out Town Center Vision

V.F. Chuck, more library suggestions:
A Reasonable Life - Ferenc Mate'
Living High - June Burne
The Dirty Life - Kristin Kimball

VI. no public comments

VII. Closing Actions

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 12 at 7pm, safety complex

VIII. Meeting was adjourned 3-0 at 8:20 PM