



Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
APPROVED Minutes May 14, 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: Joint meeting with the Lee Energy Committee: Lou Grondin (chair), Mary Woodward, Barbara Wauchope present

I. Call to Order 7:00 pm

II. Preliminary Actions

A. Joint Meeting with Lee Energy Committee (30 minutes)

Welcome Lou, Mary and Barb, we're Paul, Jen, Chuck and Dean.

Paul: Laurel Cox suggested we meet.

Lou: Ran into Chuck two Saturdays ago. Lee Energy Committee's next outreach: drive electric day. Chuck suggested the Lee Fair, he's on the Fair committee. Durham Energy Comm did it last three years, not this year. Contacted vendor.

Meeting in Durham, Seacoast Energy Hub includes Energize 360, Clean Energy NH. Paid membership. Henry Herndon of Revision, was UNH intern.

Paul attended electric car event in Pettee Brook Parking lot. Chevy Volt. Charlie Forcey organized Durham event.

Chuck: Mentioned electric cars at Lee Fair Meeting. Chief enthusiastic. Question of space. Thinking 2-3 electric cars.

Paul: LSC co sponsors car show? Lou: yes

Barb: Revision is offering rebates to customers who buy electric cars. \$5000 Nissan Leaf, \$2500 for Leaf+, on top of NHEC \$1500 and a \$7500 tax credit.

Jen: Mast Way Parking Lot for test drives. Paul: Legal issues probably prevent that.

Mary: Re Mast Way, intern looked into Solar Array Charging Station for Electric Cars. Idea would be only teachers during the day, Lee residents in the evening. (Presumably folks within walking distance.) Contacted Strafford Regional Planning Commission. Their plan includes strategic placement of charging stations.

Dean: Otis Perry of Dover offered to put us together with Dover's Parking guy; they've had chargers over a decade.

Paul: The committee (LSC) is focusing on Waste Stream, Low Carbon Diet.

Talk about driving more efficiently.

Lou: Energy committee responsible for LED fixtures in safety complex, town hall.

Paul: Four year payback

Lou: Only paid 50%

Mary: Blower Door test of safety complex done as part of a seminar, seemed drafty, results pending

Lou/Barb: Looking for locations for Lee Solar Array

Dean: What about where Durham's is in Lee?

Barb: Travel to town forest soon; will let LSC know when

Fire chief: no solar arrays on town roofs due to fire issues.

Transfer station site: running the line is expensive. Net metering. Problem NH Electric Coop was only paying 73% instead of 92% per kWh out; not economically viable

Paul: How can we help with the select board?

Barb: Fire chief meeting first. Revision CEO is a fire fighter, does training on solar roofs. What is possible?

Paul: to Town Center Committee had same issue with fire chief

Issue with weight of panels on the transfer station?

Mary: Depends on the structure of the building.

Lou: Worried about weight of snow; building has big steel beams

Mary: Selectman Brown is enthusiastic about solar power

Mary: Lots of interest. By the way ask the governor to sign the bill that increases the permissible amount of renewable power in NH.

Lou: Considering ground mounted array behind safety complex

Mary: issue of wires under road

Barb: Solar Sides. Gound mount. Walk with conservation commission. Wants Catherine Fisher to comment on use of space for education. Bill Humm and Barb. LSC welcome to tag along.

Paul: Mix of NH Elec Coop and Eversource transmission lines. Locations divided. Net metering captured by utility that services the panels.

Dean: Does net metering matter if the town gets paid tax free on the excess power?

Paul: Was the Energy Comm involved in the new swap shop?

Lou: Originally thought Toby didn't use original plan. Original plan was to add to building, share waste oil heat.

Mary: We recommend Paul Hawking's Drawdown Website. Money and emission savings. Focus on refrigeration. A/C at LSC is big expense – what to do?

Barb: Inquiries about new compost program and how Church could access for fundraiser.

The Lee Energy Commission members left at 7:45 pm. Thanks for coming, Lou, Mary and Barb.

B. Approval of Agenda

Moved conversation with Energy Committee first; no other changes

C. Minutes:

Approve Minutes from 3/19/19 Typo noted; Jen moved, Dean 2nd, 4-0 approved as amended

Approve Minutes from 4/9/19 Jen moved, Dean 2nd, 4-0 approved

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

Lee State Rep Amanda Gourge has been keeping us informed about sustainability efforts in the State House.

Chuck: Durham Rep Judith Spang active in eliminating single use plastic bags at the supermarket. Exception: meat packaging

Paul: Had to get turkey breast in bulk in Styrofoam and shrink wrap

E. Other N/A

III. Public Comments N/A

V. Discussion Items/Updates

A. Waste Reduction/Composting:

Dean: Solid Waste Committee Update: Composting project and MB plastic bag recycling.

I didn't make the last SWC meeting but the minutes indicate the municipal compost pilot project has been planned, and advertising for participants has begun. Aiming for a first day of collection of June 15.

Paul: Only 8 households signed up so far

B. (Chuck) Backyard Farming Initiative Update

On for Monday May 20 7pm at the Grange. Topic is Fowl. Speakers: Ruth Sample, Bambi Miller, Anne Tappan

C. Dean: Committee Web Site Update: Mounting video on 'Lee Recycling (@1984)'

Video uploaded to leenhsust@gmail.com's youtube account and posted on our website <https://leenhsust.blogspot.com>. We'll start broader distribution.

D. Chuck: Citizens' Petition Nuclear Disarmament Warrant Article Update

Selectboard drafted and approved letters as specified in the warrant.

LSC congratulates Chuck on his success.

E. All: E-Crier Articles - (Jen) 'On Your Mark, Get Set', One Bin at a Time: Food Waste', One Bin at a Time: Yard Waste' and Transfer Station Pop Quiz. Schedule of Articles for Next 4 wks.

Committee reviewed and edited three articles. These are ready to be published. Thanks Jen.

F. Other N/A

VI. New Business

A. (Dean/Paul): Joint Meeting with Solid Waste Committee

Dean: The next SWC is 6:30 Monday June 10 here. The SWC minutes indicate I'm to suggest a joint meeting with the LSC. Let's aim for Monday June 10. I'll email Amy. Committee concurs.

B. (Paul/Chuck) Lee Food and Cottage Industries or Local Business Directory

Chuck hasn't spoken to Cord Bloomquist or Ag commission yet

C. Low Carbon Initiatives

Jen: E crier articles are the focus for this now

D. Waste Stream Reduction and Zero Waste

Jen: Again, E crier articles are the focus for this now

E. Lee's Trees Project 2019 : Tree Email Idea

Paul: Idea for this year's contest: Send an email to your favorite tree. In Melbourne the trees answer email.

Jen: Compost Component? Paul: Yes

Jen: Tree Mail...play on word 'tree-email.'

Chuck: Community activities: Questing Upper Conn River Valley quests. Like a treasure hunt.

Dean: Geocaching/orienteering. Get folks in the woods.

D. Membership : Facebook membership and committee membership.

Encourage people to join.

Dean will investigate opening up group, meaning members can post

Chuck: Leslie will return soon, Tom Anderson interested

E. Other N/A

VII. Public Comments N/A

VIII. Closing Actions

A. Future Meeting Dates: Second Tuesday of each month

B. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting:

Tentatively scheduled for June 10, 2019 joint meeting with the SWC. We await their approval. We'll see if they prefer we come at 6:30 or 7:00.

Plan B is to meet June 11, 2019 at 7:00PM-Safety Complex

IX. Adjournment

8:35 pm

Draft Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rubine