



**Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting  
APPROVED Minutes  
2019 June 11, 7 PM  
Lee Safety Complex, Second Floor Conference Room**

**Members present:** Paul Gasowski (chair), Jennifer Messeder, Chuck Cox

**Members absent:** Dean Rubine, Leslie Adams

**Public present:** None

**I. Called to Order at 7:03 pm**

**II. Preliminary Actions**

**A. Introductions**

- N/A

**B. Approval of Agenda – no changes noted**

**C. Minutes – May 14 – corrections noted**

**Moved by** Chuck

**Seconded by** Jen

**Approved** 3-0 as amended

**D. Correspondence/Events**

- 5/17 Email from Barb Wauchope RE handing out flyers about the composting pilot at the Lee Church BBQ on June 15
  - Jen mentioned this at the June 10 joint meeting with the Lee Solid Waste Committee (SWC). SWC is interested; it sounds like they will pursue obtaining or creating flyers to be used at the BBQ and at the Transfer Station.
  - If any LSC member receives a flyer from the SWC, they will share it with all LSC members.
  - Jen is happy to help hand out flyers at the BBQ, if help is needed. She would need to do this as a private citizen, not as an LSC member, because the flyer was not reviewed by the LSC.

#### **E. Other**

- N/A

### **III. Public Comments**

- N/A

### **IV. Discussion Items/Updates**

#### **A. All - Waste Reduction/Composting** – debrief of joint meeting with SWC on 6/10

- Paul and Jen attended the joint meeting, and reported the following:
  - TS Management: Toby Van Aken is no longer the Transfer Station (TS) manager. The TS now reports to Steve Bullek, and is part of the Public Works Department.
  - Composting Pilot: The Mr Fox composting pilot falls under the purview of the TS and SWC. It will go forward despite the leadership change, as the Select Board had already approved it.
  - Church BBQ: Jen mentioned at the SWC meeting that the Lee Church is interested in advertising the pilot at their June 15 BBQ, because they will be using compostable goods for the take-away meals. The SWC expressed interest and will look into obtaining or creating flyers.
  - Coordinating SWC and LSC: Division of labor between the SWC and LSC will generally be 1) the SWC advises the management of the TS and programs that fall under it and 2) the LSC will focus on public education. The LSC will provide draft articles for SWC review when appropriate. (The One Bin at a Time series is an example.)
  - Brush Pile: Steve Bullek mentioned at the SWC meeting that the brush pile at the TS has been allowed to get too big. We have been paying a company to chip and haul our brush to be burned for energy. Steve proposed returning to burning the pile ourselves (in small chunks) to save on the chip-and-haul expense. Randy Stevens noted that there were complaints about smoke when the town burned brush in the past. No plan was decided at the SWC meeting.
- The LSC discussed (at the 6/11 LSC meeting) the pros and cons of burning brush – financial savings at the expense of more smoke and less biomass energy produced.
- Paul mentioned that earlier Town Center plans had looked into including a biomass system that would burn our brush to produce heat and/or electricity for town buildings. He'll look for the notes he had from that time.

#### **B. Chuck - Backyard Farming Initiative Update**

- This year's series had good attendance, with people staying after each talk to socialize and ask questions.
- It's expected that the same committee will work on next year's series; theme is TBD, but reduce/reuse and cottage industry have been suggested.

- Everyone agreed that the LSC’s support of this program has been a good idea.
- Paul asked if the LSC has yet paid the \$500 Grange fee we pledged as part of our commitment. We think not. Paul will check and pay the bill if it’s not already paid.

**C. Dean - Committee Web Site/Facebook Page Update**

- N/A

**D. All - E-Crier Articles – Schedule of Articles for Next 4 wks**

- One Bin at a Time: Yard Waste (Jen) – re-review based on new information
  - Some minor updates suggested.
  - Now that the One Bin series will need SWC review, we’ll add “in partnership with the Lee Solid Waste Committee” to the headers of all of these articles.
  - Approved to be published in the 6/14 e-Crier.
  - Paul will be traveling, so Jen is to send the Word and PDF files to him and Denise Duval.
- One Bin at a Time: Aluminum Cans (Jen)
  - Some minor updates suggested.
  - Add the “in partnership” blurb to the header.
  - Approved to be published in the 6/28 e-Crier.
- One Bin at a Time: Plastics Primer (Jen)
  - Add the “in partnership” blurb to the header.
  - Approved to be published in the 7/12 e-Crier.
- Transfer Station Pop Quiz
  - This seems to be more directly related to the TS, so we’ll put it on hold until we know how to coordinate with the SWC.

**E. Other**

- N/A

**V. New Business**

**A. Paul/Chuck - Lee Food and Cottage Industries or Local Business Directory**

- No progress

**B. Paul – Net Zero ORMS Proposal**

- Paul attended a dinner meeting about the proposed plans for the new Oyster River Middle School (ORMS); he reported the following:
  - The goal is for the new building to be sustainable, so it makes sense for the LSC to remain engaged in the process.
  - It will be four floors, with a smaller footprint to use less energy.
  - The organizers will send out their PowerPoint presentation; Paul will forward it when he receives it.

### **C. All - Lee's Trees Project 2019**

- Chuck suggested an expansion of the “Biggest Tree” idea, focused on particular species rather than deciduous vs conifer.
- Jen commented that she enjoyed doing a leaf collection for High School biology. Collect as many different species as you can, identifying each by common and Latin name. If we decide to do this, the “contest” would need to start in the spring to take advantage of trees in leaf.
- In any case, it would be a good idea to have some tree identification books at the LSC booth at the Lee Fair.

### **D. All - Lee Fair**

- Can compostable items be collected for the Mr Fox pilot program? It should be easy enough to have a bucket for food and paper products, in addition to the bottle/can recycling bins that are usually at the Fair. We'd need to work with Erick Sawtelle and the Agricultural Commission to organize this and potentially have compostable plates, cups and flatware.
- Our booth could be half Lee's Trees and half Reducing Solid Waste.
- Jen has been collecting trash and recyclables for a sorting “game.”
- Paul noted that the Aluminum Can article reminded him of “tin can alley,” a game he and his friends played as youths. We could have that available.

### **E. Other**

- N/A

## **VI. Public Comments**

- N/A

## **VII. Closing Actions**

### **A. Future Meeting Dates - Second Tuesday of each month**

- July 9, 7:00 pm, Safety Complex second floor conference room

### **B. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting**

- Follow up on ongoing initiatives

## **VIII. Adjournment**

**Moved by** Chuck

**Seconded by** Paul

**Approved** 3-0

**Adjourned at** 8:29 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Messeder