



Lee Sustainability Committee  
Meeting Minutes - APPROVED  
Jun 12, 2018 at 7:00PM  
Lee Public Safety Complex

Present: Paul Gasowski, Leslie Adams, Matt Rowell, Chuck Cox, Jen Messeder, Dean Rubine, Larry Kindberg  
Absent: N/A

**Call to Order** at 7:06PM by Paul Gasowski

**Preliminary Actions**

- A. Introductions:
  - 1. Larry Kindberg in attendance to discuss Lee's Trees
- B. Agenda Approved.
- C. Minutes: Minutes approved from 05/08/18.
- D. Correspondence: N/A
- E. Other: N/A

**Public Comments:** None

**Discussion Items**

- A. Lee's Trees Initiative: To connect the community and raise awareness of trees.
  - a. Paul shared feedback from the Conservation Commission and the Heritage Commission
  - b. Lots of discussion around ideas to make it work and make it valuable:
    - i. Photo contest for the Heritage Commission Calendar
    - ii. Complexity of 'How to measure a tree' raised concerns and was discussed
    - iii. Consideration given to 'favorite' tree or changing the event to 'A Celebration of Trees'

iv. Paul, Chuck and Dean have for action to continue to massage the proposal, Larry will share with the Recreation Commission

- B. Jen Messeder: Low Carbon Diet Workshop Update
  - a. Five Households involved, 3 of 4 sessions complete
  - b. Considering sponsoring another session later in 2018
- C. Household Composting: Dean's E-Crier article ran - shared on Facebook
  - a. Future articles include farm scale composting (Matt) and Commercial composting (Dean)
- D. Social Media Policies and E-Crier Articles: Leslie to prepare an article on water awareness for later this month, Matt and Dean on tap for future composting articles.
  - a. Facebook: Town policy is to not include any links to social media sites. Dean will create a Facebook Group for the LSC and the LSC will continue to share its initiatives through the NeighborLEE group.
- E. Divestment from Big Oil: Leslie shared several articles and research on the divestment movement.
  - a. Leslie will research how invested in Big Oil the town of Lee is, if at all.
  - b. Leslie will prepare a way to communicate the issue to raise citizen awareness through the LSC.

#### **New Business**

- A. Personal Sustainability Projects: Matt shared several projects he has in progress including: community composting, land management with goats, NRCS High Tunnel grant awareness, and community bartering.
- B. LSC Socials: Dean will soon be commissioning an EPIC solar array and will host a ribbon cutting party at his residence - upon hearing this all LSC members invited themselves.
  - Paul is going to host a social gathering at his residence and has invited members of the LSC. Let it be clear that no business will be conducted.
- C. Lee Fair Booth: The LSC will man a booth at the Fair and will split time to man it.
- D. Town Center Project: Paul shared the latest town center plan and will distribute a link to the LSC with further information.

**Public Comments: None**

#### **Closing Actions**

- A. Next Meeting: July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- B. Leslie, Dean and Matt will work on articles for the E-Crier
- C. Dean will create an LSC Facebook Group

D. Leslie will research divestment from Big Oil

E. Paul, Chuck and Dean will work on the Lee's Trees Initiative

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46PM