

Lee Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes – APPROVED
June 13, 2017 at 7:00PM
Lee Public Safety Complex

Member present: Paul Gasowski, Chair, Chuck Cox, Dean Rubine, Leslie Adams

Members absent: Matt Rowell, Brian Giles

Public present: Laurel Cox, Leslie Adam's daughter

Call to order 7:07

Add Sununu/Paris Accord letter to agenda

Correspondence

Roger Rice, Manager, Lee Transfer Station, retirement ceremony June 28 at Safety Complex

Bedrock Gardens, High Rd, Lee has grown in popularity and the police are enforcing no parking on High Rd. Visitors are being shuttled from Mast Way; plans for closer parking are being considered.

Chuck Cox reported on an event featuring Ruah Swennerfelt, author of Rising to the Challenge -- The Transition Movement and People of Faith. Chuck liked the positive message of community. The book was added to the LSC reading list, which we hope to finalize soon.

Dean Rubine has contacted Senator Fuller Clark as she was the leading sponsor of changes signed into law in 2015 intended to spur municipal composting. The new law purportedly fixes the problem that had prevented UNH from donating or selling compost. It theoretically paves the way for centralized town composting. Yet UNH still has not changed its policy, nor has there been much in the way of municipal composting. We're still hoping to get the senator's thoughts on how this is going.

Dean met with the ad hoc newsletter group and volunteered with Amanda Gourgue to meet with town administrator Julie Glover and town secretary Denise Duval, the producer of the weekly E-Crier. Dean felt that Julie and Denise had quite responsible and defensible reasons for doing things the way they did (MS Word). They are asking us to supply them with content. Dean suggests the E-crier is the appropriate forum for articles from the LSC.

Some proposed articles:

Brian - Mission and Vision of LSC
Dean - Municipal composting in NH
Leslie - Water
Chuck - LSC reading list

Everyone is encouraged to circulate drafts of article before the next meeting

The committee discussed Paul's 'Drought and Water Awareness for Households.' Dean suggested "Your Well and You", "Know Your Well", and "Well Well" as titles.

The committee discussed improvements. The document was originally drawn from the DES well failure reporting system. We are transforming it into a document that will help you learn about your own well, without presuming a well failure.

First is an introduction, to be redrafted by Leslie. The questionnaire is next, followed by various sections to teach the reader enough to fill out part of the form. The DES language will be retained to the extent reasonable.

Dean will check for DES language for topics currently not covered: Regulations regarding wells, Water testing, issues of bottled water.

Another proposed section is on the 'History of Water' in Lee.

Dean brought up that in New England the states of Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island are joining the US Climate Alliance, whose members agree to abide by the Paris Climate Accords despite the president's withdrawal. He has heard that sustainability committees across New Hampshire are being asked to draft a letter to the governor suggesting New Hampshire join as well. The committee agreed to consider draft language from Dean.

We decided the LSC should have a booth at the Lee Fair in September to introduce ourselves.

Next meeting Tuesday 7/11/17

Adjourned 8:40