

Lee, NH Sustainability Committee-Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes -DRAFT
July 27, 2016 at 4:00PM
Lee Public Safety Complex

Present: Chuck Cox, Dean Rubine, Brian Giles, Paul Gasowski
Absent: Leslie Adams, Matt Rowell

Call to Order at 4:00 PM by Paul Gasowski

Preliminary Actions

None

Public Comments: None

Discussion Items

- A. Approved inclusion of a section on Sustainability in Lee's 2016 Master Plan;
- B. Discussed, edited and approved Sustainability Section for submission to Lee Master Plan Subcommittee for their further review.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35PM.

Submitted by plg 7/9/16

Appendix: Draft of Lee Sustainability Committee Submission to Master Plan Subcommittee

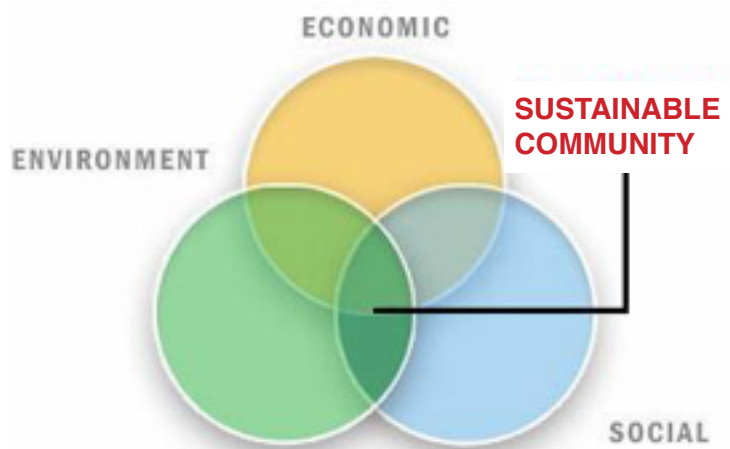
Sustainability and Energy Use

The Lee Energy Committee [LEC] and the recently formed Lee Sustainability Committee have interests in the judicious use and protection of our natural resources, balancing the social, environmental, and economic needs of the community and future generations.

Lee Sustainability Committee

According to the United Nations' Commission on Sustainable Development (1987), sustainability refers to "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." A sustainable town then, aspires to design its processes to promote vibrant ecological, social and economic health over the long term. Citizen education, open space preservation, smart growth initiatives, recycling and waste reduction programs, local food promotion, community building, energy efficiency and green energy promotion, green building programs, affordable housing, and climate change

initiatives are just a few of the ways a town can address its sustainable future. – Lee Sustainability Committee (Minutes from May 17, 2016).



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The Lee Sustainability Committee was formed after the new submissions for this Master Plan could be accepted, but they have discussed the following preliminary action items :

- Educating community members on sustainability issues and advocating for sustainable living.
- Providing residents with the information and resources necessary to make more sustainable choices in everyday living.
- Advising the town of sustainability concerns within our boundaries, and by providing creative and workable solutions that promote sustainability.
- Becoming a coordinating point/ forum for the community for questions, concerns and discussion related to sustainability.

- Involving residents of all ages in the pursuit of greater sustainability for the town of Lee.

Note: End of Sustainability Committee edits.

Lee Energy Committee

The LEC's mission is to promote and facilitate energy conservation and resilience, energy efficient practices, and the use of renewable, sustainable energy by the town and people of Lee for the purpose of reducing Lee's energy costs and emissions consistent with comparative standards. It has worked industriously recently to lay the groundwork and define specific actions necessary for advancing Lee's energy efficiency profile and competitive performance. Through the committee's past efforts, in 2008 Lee citizens substantially benefitted from a \$40,000 Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant that financed research and planning for a more energy-efficient present and future for the Town.

Results of the committee's work over the years from 2007 to 2016 have included municipal building audits, a policy audit, a biomass feasibility study, an Energy Capital Improvements Program, and a strong public outreach effort, including energy surveys of Lee constituencies and an Energy Fair. The LEC has actively investigated new municipal policies that would encourage energy efficient innovations for municipal, commercial, and residential structures and now will move forward.

The Energy Committee has the following goals and action items related to energy use in Lee:

Note: Continue with LEC Goals, etc.