

Lee, NH Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes -APPROVED
September 20, 2016 at 7:00PM
Lee Public Safety Complex

Present: Chuck Cox, Dean Rubine, Paul Gasowski

Absent: Brian Giles, Leslie Adams, Matt Rowell

Call to Order at 7:02 PM by Paul Gasowski

Preliminary Actions

- A. Introductions: None
- B. Approval of Agenda- No changes. Approved.
- C. Minutes: Minutes approved from 8/10/16.
- D. Correspondence: Paul referenced a conversation with Sharon Meeker in which she suggested merging the Sustainability, Energy and Trails Committees. Dean commented that merging would increase numbers and help build community. Would we meet jointly? Chuck stated that working together and cooperating would help build resilience. Paul suggested placing the idea on the agenda for our next meeting. All agreed.

Public Comments: None

Discussion Items

- A. Mission Statement and Action Plan: Missing earlier notes. Tabled until next meeting. Paul shared the Oyster River Sustainability Committee's Vision, Mission and Action Plan. Need to see if Leslie has notes from earlier discussion. We will work on reconstructing our earlier draft.
- B. Links and Resource Database: Dean shared LSC Resource Database Google doc which he created from our earlier work. He added an email column.
- C. Update on Water Resource Findings: No report. Leslie not present.
- D. Update on Suggested Reading List/Library Acquisitions: Chuck suggested *Pattern Language* as an important title to add. Committee members need to send (or share) suggested titles or books to Chuck. Paul mentioned that the Durham Public Library was gifted a unique collection on agriculture and resource management. Chuck suggested approaching the Lee Public Library's monthly book reading group to consider a sustainability-focused title.
- E. Other: None

New Business

- A. Input to Select Board on Town Buildings: Paul summarized the background on this agenda item, which was also available as part of the agenda. Paul, as acting chair of LSC, spoke on committee's behalf at Select Board meeting on 9/12/16. Dean moved

to officially make Paul chair of the LSC. Chuck second. Approved. Chuck commented that the LSC? (Select Board) will need 'buy-in' from the community to get long-term relations. You don't get that by railroading an issue. Need to bring back Art Guadano to facilitate town facilities process. Paul said it is important to do the right thing, the right way. Accessing the fund balance (with no bond) to build a new town hall would only require a simple majority vote to pass. This might not be the only choice. Chuck stated that any effort needs to build community to make us more sustainable and resilient. Paul suggested that we pass along individual comments from committee members. There is no committee position. Individual comments need to be refined. Dean moved to authorize Paul to speak for committee. Second Chuck. Approved.

B. Action Items and Next Steps: Tabled until next meeting.

C. Other: None.

Public Comments: None

Closing Actions:

A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:00PM ...Lee Public Safety Complex.

B. Agenda Planning:

1. Explore merging with Energy and Trails Committees;
2. Work on Mission Statement and Preliminary Action Items;
3. Update on Reading List;
4. Update on Resource Database;
5. Update on Water Resources;
6. Budget Submission for Next FY(Added by Paul.).

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned 7:52 PM.

Submitted by dr/plg 9/2516