



Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
APPROVED Minutes
December 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM
Lee Public Library, Basement

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

Members absent: Leslie Adams, Matt Rowell

Public present: N/A

I. Call to Order 6:36 pm

II. Preliminary Actions

A. Introductions N/A

B. Approval of Agenda approved 4-0, no changes

C. Approval of Minutes from 11/13/18

Added Catherine Fisher's first name. Approved as amended 4-0

D. Correspondence/Events: LSC emails. Lee's Trees, Jen about Plastic

Bob Munger emailed Lee's Trees Entry. Dean will post.

Jen: not recycling many kinds of plastics and plastics can only be recycled a few times before becoming useless.

Re: Lee's Trees; someone should ask Don Quigley who he thought would make the prizes.

E. Other:

Chuck: Saw Leslie A. She's freer to participate next semester.

III. Public Comments

N/A

IV. Discussion Items/Updates

A. Waste Reduction/Composting:

Dean: Solid Waste Committee Report

SWC considering collecting BSOP, baled sorted office paper. Revenue \$50/ton compared to cost to dispose of mixed paper.

Glossy magazines now acceptable as newspaper, shift saves money.

NRRA, the local recycling and transfer station cooperative, is trying to develop a market in animal bedding made out of mixed paper, but that's not real yet.

Lots of hubbub around the swap shop; plan for parking, cameras, enforcing the rules.

Pay per bag and composting on the agenda.

Dean: Composting Off-the-Shelf Container Options

Local expert and wife Ruth Sample recommends the SoilSaver, 60 gallons, \$79 at amazon and other places made from 100% recycled content. Some criticisms are the latching top doesn't really latch and keep critters out. Discussion: not really practical for the committee to stock and sell these. Some people like chicken wire, some drums that turn, some with built in aerators.

Matt: Draft Guide on Building a Container at Home

N/A

Chuck: Cooperative Extension Initiatives

Chuck will contact CE

B. Lee's Trees Project Update

Not too many entries yet, but we know of a few more being planned.

Jen: Elementary School/Catherine Fisher – expect at least two submissions

PL: second award ceremony for school only, 4 different classes. Catherine will present at BFI along with Don Quigley, 28 Jan.

Chuck: Backyard Farming Initiative (BFI) Planning for 1/28/19

Yes, as above.

Paul: Our Portion of Funding for BFI

Dean moves, Jen seconds: Give \$500 to rent Grange Hall for the BFI events. Approved 4-0

C. Dean: Committee Web Site Template

No progress; will work on it this time.

D. Chuck: Nuclear Disarmament Warrant Article

Chuck: I'm preparing a citizens' petition to get a warrant article on the March ballot. Article is based on the Union of Concerned Scientists and Physicists for Social Responsibility template.

Dean: I believe the committee members will personally support this petition. However, the committee should stay out of it until there's an actual warrant article, which we could then read and perhaps recommend that the selectman support. It would be different if we wanted to recommend the select board add the warrant article, which we could draft, but no one's suggesting that.

Jen will work with Chuck on the drafting and the committee will look at it at the next message.

E. All: E-Crier Articles (Lee's Trees, TS Pop Quiz, Municipal Composting w/Matt Smith, Schedule of Articles for Next Four Weeks

Dean: Matt Smith got away before we got our interview and tour, but I'll draft something.

Paul: Munger submission good article for this week.

Start promoting the Jan 28 BFI.

Committee likes PL's transfer station quizzes; encourages more.

Call for Composting (not sure what that means but I have it in my notes – Dean)

F. Other

N/A

V. New Business

N/A

A. Paul: Update LSC Budget Submission for FY20

No budget update

B. Paul: Town Center Project/General Update

\$4M; Architect's conceptual plan is done. Issues of Town Hall, Parsonage

C. All: Initiatives for 2019 (Ongoing and New)

Low Carbon Diet: Jen wants someone else to run the next one

BFI

Compost/Waste Stream/Swap Shop/Reusing material

Fair

Town Center

D. Other

N/A

VI. Public Comments

N/A

VII. Closing Actions

A. Future Meeting Dates: Second Tuesday of each month at Library

Jan 8, 2019, 6:30 pm Lee Library

B. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting: January 8, 2019 at 6:30PM

As noted

VIII. Adjournment

7:54 pm

Approved 1/8/18.

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rubine