



**Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
LSC APPROVED Minutes
2019 July 9, 7 PM
Lee Safety Complex, Second Floor Conference Room**

Members present: Paul Gasowski (chair), Jennifer Messeder, Dean Rubine (by phone)

Members absent: Chuck Cox, Leslie Adams

Public present: None

I. Called to Order at 7:12 pm

II. Preliminary Actions

A. Introductions

- N/A

B. Approval of Agenda – no changes noted

C. Minutes – June 11 – corrections noted

Approved by roll call – 2 yes, 1 abstention (Dean, due to his absence from the June meeting)

D. Correspondence/Events

- N/A

E. Other

- N/A

III. Public Comments

- N/A

IV. Discussion Items/Updates

A. All - Waste Reduction/Composting

- Dean reported that, the last time he checked with Steve Bullek, there were about 60 households signed up for the pilot program. We believe the number is higher at this point.
- Dean reported that Mr Fox has picked up two 275-pound totes.
- No problems have been reported thus far.

B. Dean - Transfer Station: Brush Pile Management

- The Solid Waste Committee will be asking the Select Board for permission to burn the pile.

C. Paul - Backyard Farming Initiative: Grange Rental Invoice

- Paul has paid the \$500 fee to rent the Grange.

D. Dean - Committee Web Site/Facebook Page Update

- Dean modified a Mr Fox flyer to list the specifics of our pilot program. He has posted it to the site.

E. All - E-Crier Articles – Schedule of Articles for Next 4 wks

- One Bin at a Time: Aluminum Cans has run for one week. There was no e-Crier on July 5, so we will allow this article to run again on July 12.
- One Bin at a Time: Plastic #2 Natural – approved 3-0 as written, to include the web site URL as a non-functioning link.
- One Bin at a Time: Plastic #2 Mixed Colors – revisions noted; approved 3-0.
- One Bin at a Time: Plastic #1 – revisions noted; approved 3-0.

F. Other

- N/A

V. New Business

A. Chuck - Lee Food and Cottage Industries or Local Business Directory

- No discussion

B. Paul – Net Zero ORMS Proposal

- Paul did not receive the PowerPoint presentation, and was not able to find it on the web site.
- Dean – the presentation was presented at the meeting, which was recorded and posted on Facebook. He will see if he can find the PowerPoint. If he’s unable to find it, Paul will ask the committee for a copy.
- Dean – there was talk at one point about Durham using part of the existing Middle School for a community center or other public venue. That idea has not been part of recent discussions.
- Dean – ask about the following at the next ORMS meeting:

- Repurposing portions of the existing building.
- Salvaging materials instead of throwing them away.
- Passive solar on the new building.
- Difficulty of finding things on their web site.

C. All - Lee's Trees Project 2019

- We will most likely postpone this to the spring/summer of 2020, especially if we do some sort of leaf collection.
- Jen - to reduce the effort to judge leaf collections, we could make the project more like a scavenger hunt. Provide lists of trees to collect leaves from and see who gets the most.

D. All - Lee Fair

- Paul presented ideas for a new “Use Less” campaign (see below), which we could launch at the Fair. Half of the LSC table would be for this and half for reducing solid waste.
- Dean to talk to the Agriculture Commission about having compostable plates etc at the Fair.
- Dean to ask Steve Bullek if the Mr Fox totes can be at the Park that day for the Fair and the BBQ.

E. Paul – Useless/Use Less: Campaign Idea

- Paul presented a new “Use Less” campaign, which the LSC discussed.
 - Slogan – “Useless? Use Less” could be “Waste is useless – use less.”
 - Slogan – “Fix it? Trash it? Buy it? Make it?” could be the old saying “use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without.”
 - Actions – Fix-it workshops at Mast Way gym?
 - Actions – Lee Appliance Hall of Fame; recognize people who use older tools or tech rather than throw it away.
 - Actions – Shopping Cart Rally; pushing shopping carts around the Lee USA race track.
- The idea would be to have monthly activities. If we want to launch one at the Fair, we’ll need to decide what our first will be.
- We will continue the discussion via email.

F. Other

- N/A

VI. Public Comments

- N/A

VII. Closing Actions

A. Future Meeting Dates - Second Tuesday of each month

- The next regular meeting will be on Aug 13.
- In order to have two meetings before the Fair, Paul will try to schedule a room for Sept 3 as well.

B. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting

- Preparing for the Fair will need to be top priority.

VIII. Adjournment

Approved 3-0 by roll call

Adjourned at 8:15 pm

Draft Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Messeder