



## **Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**APPROVED August 13, 2019 7 PM**

**Lee Safety Complex, Second Floor Conference Room**

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

**Public present:** Rachel Legard, Wednesday Hill Rd.

### **I. Call to Order 7:01 pm**

### **II. Preliminary Actions**

#### **A. Introductions**

Welcome Rachel. Rachel was a counselor at East Rochester Elementary school for 13 years. She started the recycling program at SAU 54.

#### **B. Approval of Agenda**

4-0 approved unamended

#### **C. Minutes: Approve Minutes from 7/9/19**

Dean moved, Jen 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-0-1 approved unamended, Chuck abstained.

#### **D. Correspondence/Events**

Member Leslie Adams informed the committee that she has decided not to be sworn in for a second three year term. The committee thanks Leslie for her service and hopes she can find the time to rejoin us soon.

#### **E. Other N/A**

### **III. Public Comments N/A**

### **IV. Discussion Items/Updates**

#### **A. Waste Reduction/Composting (Dean):**

The compost program is running well. So far the bins are not as full as required to break even. Bags disintegrate too easily. 58 households signed up. New signups welcome.

#### **B. Recycling Center Changes (Dean)**

Dean, SWC report: Wet pulp (soda and beer cases) no longer acceptable as mixed paper at the transfer station. Cereal boxes OK.

Paul: What happens to yard waste / wood chips from brush? Dean: I'll ask SWC.

### **C. (Chuck) Backyard Farming Initiative Update**

Thinking about a sustainability theme for upcoming series: what can we reuse in the backyard? Pallets, egg cartons, milk jugs, baling twine, chicken feed bags (somebody makes grocery bags out of these at the Lee Farmers' Market), lumber, plastic tarps from Lowes and Home Depot that are thrown away.

BFI meeting Thursday 9 am at the Library.

Paul: At the Ag meeting we talked about 4 BFIs not 5 as the May meeting was not as well attended.

Chuck: Farming - Food and Fiber.

### **D. New website, our links**

Everybody should think about the website and links for next time.

### **E. All: E-Crier Articles - (Jen) 'One Bin at a Time: Plastics#2 Color and Plastic#1 and Transfer Station Pop Quiz. Schedule articles for the next 4 weeks.**

The committee made minor editing suggestions and declared these ready for submission. Thanks Jen.

### **F. Other N/A**

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. (Chuck) Lee Food and Cottage Industries or Local Business Directory N/A**

### **B. ORMS Project: Sustainability update on proposed new middle school [merged with]**

### **C. Update on ORMS Building Proposal (Dean)**

Dean: I forgot to ask for power point of sustainability presentation at the last school board meeting. I'll ask on Wednesday. Also ask about newer part of old building.

### **D. (Dean, Jen, Paul) Lee Fair Activities: Composting Update. Display, games, composting and joint-sponsorship of electric cars event.**

Jen showed off her rock paperweights for the Fair. Great job, Jen. Paul encouraged Jen to submit receipts for materials used.

Jen showed off some mail-ordered sustainable products: Bamboo toothbrush, silk dental floss, Bites toothpaste bits, bar soap wrapped in paper. Rachel: Cardigan Mountain soap – cut your own. Paul: Let's display these on our table. Jen will send links.

Paul: Let's have a flyer about the committee again, bookmark on cardstock

Jen: Playing with Trash. Is it recyclable or not?

Rachel: Make it a contest

Dean: We can give away as prizes products from local vendors we buy at the fair or before

Dean will supply: Gazebo, chairs, 3 tables for booth.

Paul: Composting at the fair. Concentrate only on food waste, not plates, etc. 300 heads of corn. Get Steve to bring 3 bins / as many bins as possible. Get volunteers to aid diners in discarding their food waste. Ask SWC for more volunteers, up to six half hour shifts. Fireworks at 8.

Ask energy committee about electric car display. (Paul?)

Jen: Abut booths for energy committee, conservation committee, sustainability and solid waste

#### **E. (Paul) Useless/Use Less Campaign Work Session/Revisions**

We kickoff the campaign at the fair with a “most useless item in your household” contest. One new initiative per month. Future events include a fixing event (actual fixing or demos TBD) and a December dinner at Mast way. Concern about capacity. Paul will inform Town Administrator about plans.

#### **F. Other N/A**

### **VII. Public Comments N/A**

### **VIII. Closing Actions**

#### **A. Future Meeting Dates: Second Tuesday of each month**

Meeting Sept 3(first Tuesday) for Fair Planning then Oct 8.

#### **B. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting:**

Parsonage?

### **IX. Adjournment**

8:32 pm

Draft Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rubine