



Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
APPROVED October 8, 2019 7 PM
Lee Safety Complex, Second Floor Conference Room

Members present: Paul Gasowski (chair), Jennifer Messeder, Chuck Cox, Dean Rubine
Public present: Tim Anderson, Lee

I. Call to Order 7:03pm

II. Preliminary Actions

A. Introductions

Yesterday the Select Board approved Tim as a member of the LSC. Congratulations, Tim. Tim can't officially vote until he gets sworn in so we'll record his vote separately tonight.

B. Approval of Agenda

Paul adds: Lee Dem Request. Jen adds: Emergency Preparedness. No objections to the changes.

C. Minutes: Approve Minutes 9/3/19, 9/10/19

9/3/19 Chuck: fix book title. Jen moved, Chuck 2nd, 9/3/19 minutes approved 4-0 as amended. Tim concurs.

9/10/19 Jen: typo on->one. Paul: content->contest. Jen moved, Chuck 2nd, 9/10/19 minutes approved 4-0 as amended. Tim concurs.

D. Correspondence/Events N/A

E. Other N/A

III. Public Comments N/A

IV. Discussion Items/Updates

A. Use Less Campaign

1. Useless contest (Paul)

Paul: Five entries. Dean: let's extend the deadline. I didn't get a chance to advertise it much but I'll make a push now. Committee concurs; new deadline Oct 31. Dean will advertise Neighbor Lee, etc. Tim will arrange with Denise to get the contest shown on the transfer station TV. We worded a short statement.

2. Recycling Quiz

Paul showed a prototype using Google Forms. Issues with only one image per question. Plan is to focus first quiz on metal. Send Dean pictures. Dean will composite, make image with A/B/C/D over possible choices. One answer key for entire metal quiz. Aim to get first quiz out by Thursday e-crier – tight deadline.

3. 'Fix It, Mend It, Repurpose It' Workshop

Jen: Rich (Messeder) will add fixing desktop fans to his demonstration at the workshop.

Paul: Date is **Saturday Nov 2, 1-4pm** at Mast Way Gym. Plan is for about 10 tables of demonstrations set up around room, people can wander between them. No more than two presenters per table. Setup **noon**. No LSC meeting before the event so please check your email to participate in the preparation.

List of invited demonstrators:

Boomerang Bags, Newmarket. Repurposes things into bags. Partially committed.

Braiders of the Lost Art, Debra Coe

Jill Nooney, Bedrock Gardens, busy

Steve Handler, metalwork

Dave Miner, woodwork. Paul will follow up with a call.

Vohnny Weyrick – YES, she will participate. Fine art - carving comfort birds and making nests out of found objects.

Port City Makerspace - Jen says they agree in principle, will follow up

Matt Rowell – YES -- insurance allows demo only. Professionals need further insurance.

Cary Brown, electronics demo – YES. Cary will demonstrate how to use a multimeter.

Chuck: Making handles, putting handles on stuff. Chuck will talk to the people, do it himself if necessary.

Jim Banks. Electronics / inventor. Cary Brown will invite.

Nina Fox Herlihy – NO

James Krzanowski – maybe

William and Lynn Kugel. Fine Jewelry from horseshoe nails. No reply yet.

Suzanne Hebert – no reply yet

Rich Messeder – YES -- Bikes, now fans

Kevin Schenefiel – furniture – no reply yet

Annie Gasowski

Dean will ask Ruth if she has anything to demo.

Paul: Send Save the Date to E-crier this Thursday. Advertise partial lineup by following Thursday, complete lineup Thursday after that.

Paul: School district sent us \$260 invoice for rental. The Town Administrator notes recent deal with school district clarifying issues of sharing space, thinks we don't have to pay. She'll follow up.

Dean: Should we publicize beyond Lee? Paul: Yes

4. Use Less Arts Festival and Community Dinner (Paul): Early December difficult. Mast Way has daycare after school till 6pm on weekdays using the space. Other days require custodial staff present, possible cost. The use of the kitchen requires paid staff. Suggest we move to middle of January. Committee concurs.

Insurer prefers catered to pot luck. Grange is a possible location, no dancing allowed there though. Prefer Mast Way, second choice Grange.

B. Backyard Farming Initiative Update (Chuck)

Chuck: Meeting this Thursday 9am, Library. Paul and Tim may attend.

January: Ruth Eifert, History of Lee, Victory Gardens, wartime cleverness...

February: Reusing Fiber

Paul: Last year we gave \$500 to BFI for rent. Our entire budget is \$500 this year so we should revise our plan.

Chuck: Let's wait until we see how it works out with Julie and the school district. Committee concurs.

C. Budget Update (Paul)

Paul submitted \$1000 budget to LSC, corrected math error on submission.

V. New Business

A. E-Crier Articles, next four weeks

'Save the Date' for the Fix It workshop as discussed. Cardboard/wet pack article from Jen will run for two weeks. Probably best to not run the mixed-paper article until the new office paper bin gets set up. Move up glass, odds and ends. Try to get Metal Quiz out, new quizzes weekly. Keep advertising workshop.

B. Dean/Paul: Status of Solid Waste Committee Discussion: Last week Randy Stevens resigned from the SWC leaving it with two members and no quorum. His main reasons were the committee didn't seem to be doing much and the Transfer Station Manager didn't seem to value the committee's work. Amy Schmidt said she was too busy to continue as chair.

Paul: Selectman Brown brought it up at Monday's select board meeting. They reviewed SWC's charge, said they had accomplished it. Steve Bullek, Transfer Station Manager, said he could use the committee for educating the public about recycling. Dean: It sounds like that means he wants to handle all the rest of the work himself. Paul: They complemented Steve on his work to date. Chuck: Morale has been better since Steve started. Paul: The select board suggested that the LSC take up the education responsibility. Paul said he'd take it up with the committee.

Dean moved to accept the recommendation of the Lee Transfer Station Manager and Lee Select Board that the LSC assumes responsibility for educating Lee citizens about trash disposal and recycling in Lee. Jen 2nd. Approved 4-0, Tim concurs.

Dean moved that we invite SWC Chair Amy Schmidt to join the LSC. Committee enthusiastic. Jen 2nd, Approved 4-0, Tim concurs.

Dean will do the actual inviting.

Dean: They should appoint a foreman who directly controls the transfer station.

C. Emergency Preparedness (Jen)

Jen: Former military and police officer Mike Mabee gave a talk on Emergency Preparedness at the Epping Safety Complex. Our committee has resiliency as one of its missions, so this is relevant. Main thrust: The electrical grid is vulnerable to natural disaster and targeted attack. If the entire country is out we won't be able to help each other because we'll be dealing with our own problems. Normal advice is to be able to get by for 3 days of no power. In some cases it might take up to a year for power to be restored, e.g. when large transformers need to be replaced. How do we get water from a well without power? Don't drink from rivers and sewers. Don't just pile up guns. Work with your neighbors to get through a long period like this, don't fight them. Have a plan. Feel free to model your town's plan on this Souhegan CERT pamphlet.

Jen: We're busy the rest of this year but part of next year's focus could be resiliency, preparation for outages.

Things to address: Buying seeds and freezing them. Growing food. Canning food. Freezing food. Drinkable water. Work with your neighbors. It can be fun: the CDC website has Preparation for the Zombie Pandemic.

Chuck: Victory Gardens – how to feed ourselves.

Tim: Panic and fear is headed off by planning ahead.

Dean: We have to walk the fine line between reasonable preparation and those paranoid preppers.

Jen will send the link around and investigate Lee's EOC plan.

D. Lee Dem's Request: Paul

The Lee Dems invited us to give a talk on our committee via online meeting. Paul decided to turn the request down. Paul: We're an advisory committee, not elected, responsible to the Select Board. We should avoid partisan events. Town administrator concurred. The committee concurs and thanks Paul for his thoughtful response.

E. Other N/A

VI. Future Meeting Dates: Second Tuesday of each month

Next meeting 11/12/19, following 12/10/19. Fix It Workshop at Mast Way 11/2/19, 12pm setup.

VII. Adjournment - 8:46 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rubine