



Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
APPROVED Minutes November 12, 2019 7 PM
Lee Safety Complex, Second Floor Conference Room

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

Members absent: Tim Anderson, Lee

I. Call to Order 7:04pm

II. Preliminary Actions

A. Introductions N/A

B. Approval of Agenda

Paul adds: IV. Budget update, Useless Contest Winners. V. Middle school / Town center. Formal LSC thank you note system. Reimbursement for Lee Fair. Annual Town Report.

Dean moved, Jen 2nd, agenda changes approved 4-0.

C. Minutes: Approve Minutes 10/8/19

Many typos from list of Fix It workshop fixed. Other minor changes.

Jen moved, Chuck 2nd, 10/8/19 minutes approved 4-0 as amended.

D. Correspondence/Events

ORCSD correspondence with LSC and town administrator re Fix-It Workshop at Mast Way.

Sheri Griffith said no scouts tonight.

Town of Hampstead (see below).

Workshop on Climate Change. Seacoast Interfaith Stewards of the Earth (SISE).

E. Other N/A

III. Public Comments N/A

IV. Discussion Items/Updates

A. Membership

Amy Schmidt may eventually join the committee but has chosen not to be sworn in at this time due to other obligations.

At the Fix It workshop we got a lead on another possible member: Kate W.

Paul turned down someone applying to the Lee Sustainability Committee Facebook group. Committee discussed; decided to let applicant in if possible. Plan: check old minutes to see if we had a policy on this. Future agenda: Revisit policy.

B. Transfer Station / Solid Waste Reduction / Composting Update

Note about compost services in E Crier: ‘FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS! BE PART OF THE PROGRESS AND HELP THE TOWN SAVE MONEY ON MSW!’

Discussion: This note is not from the LSC. Committee doesn’t know what the note means.
Dean: It’s not true; compost currently costs more than MSW to dispose of. The Solid Waste Committee was supposed to write a report when the \$800 net composting budget was consumed or after six months. Not going to happen now.

Jen will ask Steve and/or other official contact the transfer station about:

- Do you know about the compost note in E-Crier?
- Is there a plan or decision to make the program permanent?
- Are there changes for office paper coming soon?
- Should the committee design and produce new signage for the transfer station?
- Any comments or objections to putting QR codes in the sign?

Dean will write up E crier article with metal quiz results.

C. Backyard Farming Initiative Update (Chuck)

Chuck: BGI Committee met last Thursday. New member Brian Cassidy. Lives in Durham, Durham Ag Commission. Possibly join with BFI. Next meeting Thu Nov 21 or Thu Dec 5.

Topics:

January: Victory Gardens, wartime cleverness...

February 24: Fiber for the future. Braiders of the Lost Art. Deb Fisher / Boomerang Bags. Paul will give BB info to Chuck.

March 23: Tools that last and last and last. Brian Cassidy. Dwight Barney. Matt Rowell. Encourage audience to bring tools.

April 27: Adapt for Sustainability. Glass and metal recycling. Maybe Chuck Cox.

D. Review E-Crier Articles for next four weeks

Reviewed Jen's article, minor changes suggested. Mixed paper next two weeks. Glass following two weeks. Little bins, two weeks after that.

E. 'Fix It, Mend It, Repurpose It' Workshop debrief/evaluation

Paul: ORCSD waived the fee. [see below]

Paul wrote a thank you note to ORCSD for used of the space, cc'd town.

Scouts participation request needed more lead time -- redirect to Zero Waste dinner.

Brian Cassidy called to be an exhibitor the night before. Paul had to say no. Next year we need a clear deadline for signing up.

Port City Makers couldn't make it (ha) – too busy with Halloween.

F. Budget update

Paul: nothing new.

G. Useless Contest Winners

Committee discussed entries and chose Kristen Cisneros as the winner of the Useless Contest. Congratulations Kristen.

Paul will investigate getting \$20 gift certificate from local vendors, Demeritt Farm, Coppal Farm, Cox farm.

Email survey – Paul. [not sure what this means but it's in my notes – Dean]

H. Other

N/A

V. New Business

A. Use Less Arts Festival and Community Dinner (Paul)

Paul: No pot luck allowed; cater or use ORCSD food service. Doris Demers – community dinner at ORHS scheduled for December. She's interested in Zero Waste Dinner at Mast Way or more commonly ORHS.

Arts Festival – Eat in cafeteria, exhibits on gym. Invite Sherri G. Open mic. Band. Dance. Involve school sustainability committee; all schools. Link up with commissions. Arts Festival – Exhibits, Performance, Contest.

No political displays at event.

Jen: primarily ORCSD, Lee/Durham. Solicit submissions from other towns. Paul: If they're screened. Good day for the Lee and Durham and Madbury committees to meet.

Ryan Thompson – Square dancing, Lamprey River Barn Band

Summary: open event to all three towns, no politics, February or March Friday or Saturday night date.

Use ORCSD / Doris similar to community dinner: \$7/meal or \$20/family. Use as much local food as possible. Of course zero waste. Paul: I'll talk to Doris / February or March date / Don't conflict with Farm Bureau breakfast. Involve school sustainability groups. Get rid of plastic bottles.

Cosponsored by the Ag Commission and Lee Public Library. Expand that? Durham and Madbury libraries?

Chuck: Ruth had list of books related to BFI, 4 pages.

B. Town of Lee and ORCSD Facility Use Resolution

Paul: ORCSD waived the fee. Paul pointed out asymmetry of language in fee agreement between Lee and ORCSD. Paul relayed concern to town administrator. Dean: what about the other towns?

C. Town of Hampstead Water Inquiry

They're interested in meeting us to learn what we've done related to water. Paul: Say yes, share with Conservation Comm. Dean: Let's send them our ground water report.

Committee: Let's invite them to the next meeting. Paul: Chris Scogland at DES too. Dean: We should remind folks to check their wells.

D. Seacoast Climate Change Summit

Jen: SISE met last week. Summit geared toward town administrators. Dec 4. Gregg Center. Invite/run by town administrator. Committee attendees: \$25 including lunch. Jen and Chuck may go.

E. Middle school / Town center

Paul is on action committee on new middle school, focusing on social media and regular media. March vote.

Paul is also planning to help on the Town Center Vision Cmte – see website.

F. Formal LSC thank you note system.

Tabled to next meeting.

G. Reimbursement for Lee Fair.

Dean moved, Chuck 2nd, to reimburse Paul \$17. 4-0 approved.

H. Town Annual report.

Due Nov 27. Paul will draft.

I. Other N/A

VI. Future Meeting Dates: Second Tuesday of each month

Paul: Theme? Jen: Preparedness, water awareness, trees, waste stream

Next meeting 12/10/19, following 1/14/20.

VII. Adjournment

9:16 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rubine