



Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
APPROVED Minutes December 10, 2019 7 PM
Lee Safety Complex, Second Floor Conference Room

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

Members absent: none

I. Call to Order 7:03pm

II. Preliminary Actions

A. Introductions N/A

B. Approval of Agenda

Dean adds 'owl event.' Jen moves, Dean 2nds, 5-0 agenda approved as changed

C. Minutes: Approve Minutes 11/12/19

Many typos corrected, improvements suggested.

Jen moved, Tim 2nd, 11/12/19 minutes approved 4-0 as amended.

D. Correspondence/Events

Chuck: Meeting Thursday at UNH MUB 8:30 am. Strafford Region / Interstate. Renewable Energy Resources of Maine / Mass / NH. Registration required.

Paul: ORCSD correspondence on facility use issue and zero waste dinner.

Paul: Scouts will attend in January. I answered Hampstead. Our water document wasn't exactly what they were looking for. They wanted an ordinance based approach. I directed them to Caren Rossi.

The volunteer appreciation dinner was great fun. Everyone should attend next year.

E. Other N/A

III. Public Comments N/A

IV. Discussion Items/Updates

A. Jen: Seacoast Climate Change Summit

Jen enjoyed the workshop, learned a lot, many questions remain. Presentations are accessible at www.nhcaw.org/what/climate-summits/.

Does Lee have a mitigation plan? Storm Water Mitigation. Dover did their study wrong.

Thomas O'Donovan at NHDES Water Services talked to Jen about septic systems.

The work crosses committees. Planning board, zoning board, emergency management, and sustainability.

Jen: Biggest risks from rain, storms, power outages, wells/drinking water affected.

Paul: Jen, please look up the Lee Emergency Operations planning report. The flood plain has been mapped. See maps. Who did the work? Any mitigation of flood or storm water addressed? EOC=Caren Rossi, Scott Nemet fire chief, Thomas Dronsfield police chief. Find EOC operating plan and share with committee.

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2019 Town of Lee, NH

http://www.trafford.org/cmsAdmin/uploads/hazmitplans/FINAL_Lee_Hazard_Update_021919_REDUCED.pdf

Paul: Lamprey River Advisory Cmte – removed dam in Epping. Encourages vegetation. Mill Rd, Lee, Sheep Rd, Gravel mine, restored habitat.

Chuck: Wetlands. Suzanne Peterson LRAC, Dawn Jeans, Lee, formally of Lamprey River Watershed Assoc. Lee town site.

Paul: Jen, find out who are the players, what's been done re flood mitigation? Mitigation near the traffic circle. Randy Stevens, LRAC, LRWA

Jen: Since preparedness is a big project that's currently underway maybe we should focus on carbon footprint project in committee instead.

B A. Jen: Seacoast Climate Change Summit

B. Dean/Jen: Transfer Station/Solid Waste Reduction/Composting Update.

No reply from Public Works and Transfer Station manager Steve Bullek. Jen will follow up. Questions are:

- 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?

C. Backyard Farming Initiative Update (Chuck)

As before. Josh Jennings with Sarah Cox in January. Pat Jenkins Fiber. April 27 add Sheri Griffith.

D Paul: Use Less Campaign: Use Less Arts Festival and Zero Waste Dinner

Paul contacted Doris Demers ORCSD Nutrition Director to have Use Less Arts Festival / Zero Waste Dinner at ORHS. Looks promising. Community dinners are scheduled for January and March. Piggyback? Town resolved facility use/fee issue with district. Extra work is charged.

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day, community dinner Thursday March 26.

Use Less Exhibits. Invite Partners: Libraries, Agriculture comms, Energy comms, Sustainability comms, swap shops from all three towns. UNH Sustainability committee, Exeter to attend and exhibit.

Chuck: We can fit in the ORHS cafeteria

Paul: Minimum of 60 people for the food service to break even. Exhibits, Open Mic

Tentative date for Zero Waste Dinner: Thursday March 19 5pm – 7:30 or 8 pm. 4pm set up. Cafeteria only.

Chuck: will contact musicians

Paul will lock in date, contact potential sustainability committees, and swap shops listed. Chuck will contact libraries, Ag commissions in the three towns, scouts/Sherri, Jen will contact 4H.

Pitch: exhibit an item or just attend

Artists and Creators, call for exhibitors. Paul will write invitation. Juried. Share with by Julie Glover.

E. Paul: Useless Contest Award/Gift Certificate/Vendor Participation

Kristen Cisneros got her gift certificate for winning the Most Useless Item contest. Future vendors: Mildred Drumlin, Steve Handler, Flag Jill, Doo Bee Doo Farm (Tim)

F. Paul: Annual Town Report LSC Summary

V. New Business.

A. Reimbursements: Jen and Paul

Dean moved, Paul 2nd, \$25 reimbursement to Jen for climate summit expenses out of committee funds, approved 5-0

Dean moved, Jen 2nd, \$20 reimbursement to Paul for Useless Contest prize, approved 5-0

B. Paul: Lee Town Center Building Project Update

Wed Dec 11 Presentation 7:30 Advisory Budget Cmte + Select Board

2 story municipal office building, town hall, parish house, Library is a separate proposal, \$275K capital fund, RFP, renovations.

C. Paul: ORMS Building Project Update

Website, lots of stuff, Facebook. Friends of Oyster River Middle School doing great work.

D. Paul: Town of Lee and ORCSD Facility Use Resolution

E. Formal LSC Thank You Note - tabled

F. E-Crier articles

Last 3 reviewed, ready to go out.

G. Other

Dean noted how an owl release event in Newmarket attracted around 200 folks on a fall weekday afternoons. We need owls or other ideas for increased attendance at events.

VI. Future Meeting Dates: Second Tuesday of each month

Next meeting 1/14/20, Paul's birthday.

VII. Adjournment

9:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rubine