



Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
APPROVED Minutes 2020 January 14, 7 PM
Lee Safety Complex, Second Floor Conference Room

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

Members absent: Dean Rubine arrived around 8 pm due to another commitment

Public present: Boy Scout Troop 459, with Sheri Griffith, Tara Hicks-Johnson and another adult, primarily to consult with us on the Zero Waste Dinner

I. Called to Order at 7:04 pm

II. Preliminary Actions

A. Introductions

- Scouts and committee members introduced themselves.

B. Approval of Agenda – Moved the Zero Waste Dinner to the beginning to accommodate the Scouts, who would be leaving around 8 pm; added Steve Bullek's email about emergency changes to mixed paper recycling.

Moved and Seconded

Approved 4-0 as amended

C. Minutes – 2019 December 10 – typos corrected

Moved and Seconded

Approved 4-0 as corrected

D. Correspondence/Events

- NA

E. Other

- NA

III. Public Comments

- NA

V. New Business

A. All – Use Less Campaign: Use Less Arts Festival and Zero Waste Dinner

- The March 19 date will not work out; we're now looking at Wed April 22, which is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.
- The Scouts would like to have a table for an easy make-and-take craft, probably reusing or repurposing items in keeping with the Thrifty part of the Scout Law.
- Sheri Griffith also suggested having a table for the Home Education 4H Club.
- Jen asked if it would be a good idea to reach out to the Port City Makerspace.
- Tara Hicks-Johnson suggested inviting the UNH Makerspace at the ECenter instead, because it's in an Oyster River town. The UNH Makerspace is available to students, staff, faculty and alumnae.
- General discussion about music yielded the following suggestions: a small group of ORMS Band members; the Chicken Shack Band (bluegrass); Gibson and Adam Griffith.
- It was also suggested that the Freedom Café in Durham might be able to help organize music. Contact Brian Bessette.
- There probably won't be room for dancing.

Chuck:

- Follow up on music options.
- Contact the Lee, Durham and Madbury Agricultural Commissions to see if they would like to have exhibit tables (one table each).
- Contact the Lee, Durham and Madbury Libraries to see if they would like to have exhibit tables (one table each).
- Contact Madbury Town Administrator Eric Fiegenbaum.

Paul:

- Draft an overview of the event.
- Contact Oyster River Food Services to confirm the date.
- Contact the Oyster River schools' sustainability clubs to see if they would like to have exhibit tables (one table each).
- Measure the café space.

Tim:

- Contact the Lee, Durham and Madbury Swap Shops to see if they would like to have exhibit tables (one table each).

*** The Scouts departed

IV. Discussion Items/Updates

A. All - Waste Reduction/Composting

- Steve Bullek's email about emergency changes to mixed paper recycling
 - India has stopped taking the US's mixed paper, so the cost to recycle has skyrocketed over the cost to send as MSW.
 - We can get paid to recycle office paper if it's pulled out.

- Recycling magazines is cheaper than sending as MSW, so Steve would like to pull those out as well.
- Jen will work with Steve and the LSC via email to draft and finalize a special One Bin article to appear in the Jan 24 and 31 editions of the E-Crier.
- The compost program is still going.

*** Dean arrived

B. Chuck - Backyard Farming Initiative Update

- The series is all set to start. There will be four sessions at the Grange (Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 23 and Apr 27) and occasional displays at the Lee Farmers Market.
- They don't have a videographer yet, but Chuck will follow up on a lead.
- The Agricultural Commission will probably cover the fee, but we would like to offer something as well, if we have the funds available.

Chuck moved that we pay \$200 to cover two sessions, contingent on the availability of funds. **Dean** seconded. **Approved** 5-0.

C. Paul – Town Center Building Project Update

- The bond hearing was Monday Jan 13 and will be available on local TV. Another hearing is planned.
- The Town Center Vision Committee (TVCV) has a Facebook page and town web site where they are posting information about the project.
- There will be a warrant article regarding a bond to build a new town office building.
- There will be a warrant article to renovate the existing Town Hall using our Capital Reserve Fund (and potential grants).
- There will be a warrant article to delay removal or demolition of the Parish House until 2022, to give various parties more time to find a way to renovate and repurpose it.
- Jen: Attended the Town Hall open house on Jan 9. It was well done.
- Paul: The library warrant article is separate and proposes use of Capital Reserve Funds to renovate and expand that building (no bond).

D. Paul – ORMS Building Project Update

- This is another large project that we should all educate ourselves on.
- Dean: Last year, Lee's taxes increased more than other towns due to a change in the "state factor" that's part of the calculations.

E. Paul – Correction: Town of Lee and ORCSD Facility Use Resolution

- There is no billing for facilities or custodial fees.
- There would be a fee for outdoor sports field lights, if an event needed those.

F. Other

- NA

V. New Business (continued)

B. All – Lee Emergency Preparedness and Mitigation

- Jen had emailed information about Prevention, Mitigation, Adaptation and Resiliency.
- The Low Carbon Diet workbook is more mitigation. Emergency preparedness is more adaption/resiliency.
- It was agreed that trying to define the four components is probably not a good use of time. We will continue discussing if our next focus will be on Low Carbon, Emergency Prep or a combination of the two.

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

- Mixed Paper special article
 - Discussed above. This will be our next article, to run on Jan 24 and 31.
 - We will not submit an article for Jan 17.
- One Bin at a Time: What's Left?
 - This draft feels too personal and/or preachy.
 - The LSC will consult via email on changes.
- One Bin at a Time: The Paradox
 - The LSC will consult via email.
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D. All - Lee's Trees, Future Projects

- Tabled

E. All – Formal LSC Thank You Note

- Tabled

F. Other

- NA

VI. Public Comments

- NA

VII. Closing Actions

A. Future Meeting Dates - Second Tuesday of each month

- The next two meetings are currently set for Feb 11 and Mar 3.
- Paul will check to be sure there are no conflicts with primaries or other events.

B. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting

- NA

VIII. Adjournment

Moved and Seconded

Approved 5-0

Adjourned at 9:02 pm

Draft respectfully submitted, Jennifer Messeder

Respectfully submitted, Dean Rubine