



Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
APPROVED Minutes February 11, 2020 7 PM
Lee Safety Complex, Second Floor Conference Room

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

Members absent: Tim Anderson

I. Call to Order 7:03pm

II. Preliminary Actions

A. Introduction

Welcome Bryan Cassidy, Dame Rd., Durham Ag Commission. Farms at Tuckaway Farm, potatoes, pruning, fruit trees, BFI presenter in March.

B. Approval of Agenda

Approved unchanged 4-0.

C. Minutes: Approve Minutes

1/14/2020 Dean moves, Jen 2nd, 4-0 approved unchanged.

11/12/2019 Dean will use Paul's notes to reflect amended minutes. Thanks Paul. Cmte agrees 4-0.

D. Correspondence/Events

[Paul: Correspondence and events refer to agenda items, see below]

III. Public Comments N/A

IV. Discussion Items/Updates

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

Paul met with Doris Demers ORCSD Nutrition Director, Jon Bromley ORHS teacher, Maggie Morrison, ORCSD sustainability board re the Zero Waste Dinner, now scheduled for Earth Day at ORHS.

Paul: Students will work on the next step for the school district. Student plan named NEW NORMAL shared with school board. Approval pending. Video link with external grant person.

Question: Involve the students more and risk leaving some things undone?

The group proposes a Task Force for an event similar to the Pot Luck Dinner Forest Society / Powder Major Property event utilizing ORHS Food Service / Student Servers.

Doris had back surgery; her deputy will handle it. Some students suggest it be an all vegetarian meal. Meat option? Task force can decide.

Proposed task force personnel: All LSC. 1 parent rep, liaison to ORMS, MW, Moh. J Bromley and M. Morrison. One rep from Durham, Madbury. Three from UNH Sustainability. Food service doesn't need to be on task force, they will skillfully execute a locally sourced meal given broad guidelines from the task force.

Suggest first meeting: Thursday Feb 20th 3:15 pm ORHS. Paul will draft invitation. Dean: Maybe this will become an annual event. Jen: One year at a time.

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

Jen: No office paper collection yet. Steve is still waiting for more information. He doesn't want to make piecemeal changes. Transfer station staff did signage, market indications in red and green easily understandable.

C. Chuck: Backyard Farming Initiative Update

Next meeting at Feb 24, 7pm Lee Grange. Fibers / Patricia Jenkins, Boomerang Bags, Braiders of the Lost Art. Bring "Show and Tell." Old sweaters to mittens. Chuck brings skeins of bailing twine, feedbags.

Paul: Last session was very good.

Bryan: The Durham Ag Commission is coming on board for BFI. We expect a good response from mentions in Durham Friday Update. There has been lots of interest in Ag stuff in Durham lately.

Chuck: Dwight Barney in March. April: Repurpose. Chuck Cox presents. Sherri Griffith / scouts / scavenging.

Paul: Email from Tina Sawtelle. She seeks someone to help at Farmers market exhibits for BFI (commencing after the four Grange sessions). Paul remembered Tim Anderson was willing; cc'd Tim. Tim's currently busy with new baby grandson. Congratulations Tim.

D. Paul: Lee Town Center Building Project Bond, Town Hall Renovation and ORMS Update

Paul: Town Center on Ballot. See discussion on Facebook / Neighbor Lee. Same for middle school.

Chuck: Scott Bugbee had a dance card from back in 1930s. Used to have dances at Lee Town Hall to raise funds for Red Cross. Looking forward to future town dances.

V. New Business

A. All: Upcoming E-Crier Articles

Dean will chart market prices over time for E Crier.

Jen: Last two E-crier articles in series drafted, open for comments. Tim suggested changes, that it was too personal, too preachy. Jen took suggestions, made changes. Paul: first person, less preachy.

Committee discussed other changes, Paul suggested omitting middle paragraph. Jen will redraft and email for comments with intent to submit Thursday for Friday publication.

B. Jen/All: Low Carbon Diet / Lee Emergency Preparedness Mitigation N/A

C. All: Future LSC Projects

Paul: I was inspired by students involved in the Earth Day dinner planning.

We can continue with Fix It events.

Jen: Earth Day in spring, Fix It in fall?

Chuck: People changing the definition of a good life. The NEW NORMAL. We know consuming doesn't make us happy. New books: The Finnish Way (woman moved to Finland and her stress went away). Viking Economics (about the Scandinavian social democracies.)

Dean: Recurring topics: Water / Wells. Fix It. Use less / Good life / New Normal.

Bryan: Create active & collaborative forms. BFI is a lecture. I want mentorships. I want to enact a natural way of living. Farm activities. Green workshop. Join me. Let's find accessible ways to engage in activities. People in communities do amazing things.

Chuck: We should be highlighting what the creative people in the community are doing. Like how the library shares local artwork. Like the Ag brochure but more broad. Existing models? Being neighborly is not easy.

Jen: Time Bank model, earn time and spend it.

More powerful, share community.

Paul: Needs an umbrella

Bryan: Blueberries and Tuckaway. Create a grant. *No I don't want to do it for you, I want to do it with you.*

Dean: Sounds like Matt's Mentorship and tool sharing ideas, would run into similar legal issues from the town committee perspective. LSC could be a clearinghouse.

Events are private. LSC advertises?

Jen: It's important to meet people first otherwise they're too shy.

Chuck: Community Gardens at Tuckaway. Smaller plots with mentorship.

Paul: Bryan, will we have contact with you again? Bryan: Yes.

Jen: Pick your own / beets and carrots / CSA members weeding

Bryan: Encourage approaches to community, garlic planting, harvest, landscapes

D. All: Formal LSC Thank You Note N/A

VI. Public Comments N/A

VII. Closing Actions

A. Future Meeting Dates: Generally the second Tuesday of each month

3/3/2020, 4/14/2020, 5/12/2020

B. Agenda Planning for next meeting 3/3/20

See above

Recap:

Paul: invitation letters for dinner

Jen: E-crier

Dean: chart

VIII. Adjournment - 4-0 in favor. 8:41 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rubine

