



Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes February 20, 2019 3:15 PM
Oyster River High School L-150

This is the first meeting of a task force to plan the event formerly known as the Zero Waste Dinner. LSC is joining with ORCSD groups and hopefully town groups and UNH to make an Earth Day community dinner and expo at ORHS, April 22, 2020, 5-8pm.

This was also an announced public meeting of the LSC as a quorum of LSC members were present and planning to participate in the meeting.

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

LSC Members absent: Jennifer Messeder

Others Present: Other members of the task force who attended:

Maggie Morrison, ORCSD Sustainability Coordinator
Jon Bromley, ORHS Sustainability Club Advisor and Science Teacher
Jean Nelson, Parent Representative
Five students, names omitted, ORHS Sustainability Club

I. Call to Order 3:20pm

II. Preliminary Actions

A. Introductions

Everybody introduced themselves.

B. Approval of Agenda

Approved by group

III. Public Comments - N/A

IV. Discussion Items/Updates

A. All: Formation of Earth Day Zero Waste Steering Committee

Based on some previous meetings, Paul Gasowski had a document that captured the ideas and planning to date. [I don't have a copy but we might want to insert it here - Dean]

The goal is an Earth Day community dinner and festival on Thursday April 22, 2020 5-8 pm that highlights the local efforts at sustainability. In addition to the dinner, the idea was to invite groups and businesses to exhibit at booths, as well as some art and music, and maybe even some dancing.

Originally the Lee Sustainability Committee was going to have a Use Less / Zero Waste expo and arts festival which got pushed to March or April for scheduling reasons. Folks added the great ideas of Earth Day and including all the towns and schools of Oyster River, as well as UNH and relevant local businesses, and here we are.

Coming into the meeting, the Lee Sustainability Committee was the presumed primary sponsor. After discussion, it was decided to let the ORHS Sustainability Club be the primary sponsor. Since the event is being held at ORHS, this will presumably make the insurance preparations much easier. The club and event would be covered by the district's insurance policy. LSC is willing to add Lee's insurance as necessary, subject to town approval. Maggie Morrison offered that the primary sponsor title was administrative and not necessarily intended to be communicated to the public.

The Task Force is now a **Steering Committee**, with proposed membership:

Maggie Morrison, ORCSD Sustainability Coordinator

Jon Bromley, ORHS Sustainability Club Advisor and Science Teacher

Jean Nelson, Parent Representative

Five students, names omitted, ORHS Sustainability Club

Paul Gasowski, Chair, Lee Sustainability Committee

Chuck Cox, Lee Sustainability Committee

Dean Rubine, Lee Sustainability Committee

Jennifer Messeder, Lee Sustainability Committee

TBD Rep from Durham Integrated Waste Management Committee

Durham member, TBD

Madbury member, TBD

Barrington member, TBD

Lee member, if not someone from LSC, TBD

UNH Sustainability Club, TBD, perhaps more than one representative

B. All: Next Steps for Earth Day Zero Waste Event

Date of Event: Wednesday April 22, 5-8 pm, 50th annual Earth Day

Schedule:

5-8 Expo booths and arts festival open

5-6:30 Dinner, ORCSD Sustainability audit presentation during dinner

6:30-8 Performance: music, dance, etc.

Next Steering Committee meeting Thursday March 5 3:15 at ORHS L-150.

Now that the ORHS Sustainability Committee is the primary sponsor, Maggie Morrison will contact the district scheduler to reserve the cafeteria for the event.

The event formally known as the Zero Waste Dinner is not officially named. The students are charged with coming up with a name; we'll make it official on March 5.

The students proposed a vegetarian dinner. It was generally agreed that a meat option should be available. The plan is to have the students relay to ORCSD Nutrition Director Doris Demers exactly what they mean by vegetarian and what else have in mind for the dinner. Doris has experience and connections for locally sourced food that she will utilize.

We want to emphasize sustainable waste disposal (zero waste) which the school already does.

It was agreed that the students will handle menu planning and interacting with food service personnel. It was agreed that it was not necessary for Director Demers to be a full member of the Steering Committee, though of course she is always welcome. Paul will invite Director Demers to the March 5 meeting.

The students would also act as hosts of the event, introducing presenters and perhaps waiting tables and other dining room tasks. The students were going to seek permission for the National Honor Society advisor Ms. Best to make this a sanctioned NHS event. In that case we'd likely have help from students who are looking to accrue NHS volunteer hours.

There was a question about the possibility bringing in deserts. Insurance concerns were raised. We will ask Doris Demers.

Maggie: We want to make sure the sponsors are mentioned at the event. Let's name the local farms whose food is being served.

Dean: Signs in room? We might want to keep in mind this could be an annual event if we create signage.

Students: Opportunity of student exhibits. Senior art classes – ask students. Invite clubs. Ask teachers. Make T shirts.

Maggie Morrison: \$500 Seed Money from NH Peace Academy is available. Ask Kay Morgan to attend March 5.

Jean Nelson: Let's involve middle school, send a Save the Date when we have a name.

Groups /Businesses/ Artisans

Jon Bromley: Let's brainstorm a list of exhibitors and other invitees. Divide it into Groups /Businesses/ Artisans.

Dean will create a shared Google sheet spreadsheet indicating organization to invite to the event, divided into Groups, Businesses and Artists/Artisans. The first column will be the organization name; subsequent columns indicate who will invite, when the invitation was sent, when a reply was received, what that reply was, and any additional notes. Steering Committee will use shared sheet to organize invitation effort. Members should write their name in the slot before inviting a group. Members should feel free to append new rows with overlooked invitees.

Link to [Google Sheet](#).

Most invitees will be invited as potential exhibitors. Some (listed above) will also be asked if they would like to serve on the steering committee.

Initial list:

GROUPS

Climate Action Forum (Community Church (UCC) Durham)

Town (Durham/Lee/Madbury/Barrington) Swap Shops

Town Agriculture Commissions

Town Libraries
Durham Integrated Waste Management Committee (Steering Cmte)
UNH Sustainability Committee (Steering Cmte)
SISE – Seacoast Interfaith Stewards of the Earth

BUSINESSES

Echo Thrift Shop
Freedom Café
Makery
Emery Farm
Mr. Fox Composting
Revision Energy
SEAREI

ARTISTS AND ARTISANS

Art teachers, ORHS
Mr. Boucher ORMS
Jill Nooney
Square Dance Band (didn't get name)
Musicians

C. Other

Jon Bromley: Reminder: we're here to be mentors for the students.

V. Closing Actions

A. Agenda Planning for Next Steering Committee Meeting

See above

VI. Adjournment - 4:02 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rubine