



## **Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting**

**APPROVED Minutes April 14, 2020 7 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Zoom / Telephone**

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

**Members absent:** Chuck Cox

**Public Present:** Kay Morgan, Seacoast Peace Academy, Caren Rossi (joined 7:45pm, relevant hats include Lee Code Enforcement, Lee Planning and Zoning Administrator, Lee Health Officer, Emergency Management Officer)

### **I. Call to Order 7:10 pm**

### **II. Preliminary Actions**

#### **A. Introduction N/A**

Paul: We're being recorded; any chat becomes part of the public record.

#### **B. Approval of Agenda**

Approved 3-0 roll call vote.

#### **C. Minutes: Approve Minutes**

**3/3/2020** skipped.

**3/5/2020** (at ORHS) fixed Jean Nelson, Jon Gagne affiliations. Typos.

Dean moves, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2-0-1 approved as amended, Jen abstains

**3/12/2020** (at ORHS)

Dean moves, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2-0-1 approved as amended, Jen abstains

#### **D. Correspondence/Events N/A**

### **III. Public Comments** Kay was invited to participate in the meeting. No comment at this time.

#### **IV. Discussion Items/Updates**

##### **A. All: Use Less Arts Festival and Community Suppa' in Response to COVID-19**

Paul: The event is obviously cancelled. The school district has cancelled all school and events at the school buildings for the remainder of the spring.

Kay. The Seacoast Peace Academy has a grant to support student leadership. That can go to ORHS sust club to help fund the event in the future. This is from SPA's current budget, to be disbursed by June 1. The event does not have to happen by June but there should be a firm plan in place.

Paul: There will be no event this school year. Late summer is a possibility if school reopens. Event can welcome back folks. Maybe not earth day, but sustainable theme.

Paul: Possibility of a virtual event, people sharing thoughts and recipes re earth day, sustainability?

Dean: I don't want to be the first big event at ORCSD after the world reopens.

Kay: It's hard to plan without school representatives present.

Dean: They don't know the future either.

Kay will contact Jon B and Maggie, cc Paul. The planning is in place. One concern is the number of seniors in the ORHS Sustainability Club. Are there enough new members in the pipeline?

Dean: We can plan as soon as a decision is made about when school is open.

Jen: Fall / Harvest Supper.

Jen: New Normal is the theme

Dean: We need to model how to do large events.

Kay: More produce is available in the fall.

Paul will contact Doris Demers.

Kay leaves the meeting.

Caren Rossi joins meeting.

##### **B. All: Transfer Station Activities in Response to COVID-19**

Dean: I didn't have an entirely positive experience at the transfer station today. Both lanes in use, driver drove around me. Some folks masked, some not. Most respected six feet, some not.

Caren: Rules say one lane only. Unfortunately people are still socializing.

Jen: Plan to change to office paper bin a week early.

Dean: They're not collecting mixed paper at all.

Paul: Let EOC do their job; LSC gets out of the way. We could look at distribution.

Jen: I have data from March 31. I toured the transfer station with Dover folks that day. Track backwards, look at trends, during and after.

Dean: Randy data goes back years, with a big gap.

Caren: We can do that.

Paul: Raising consciousness on Using Less – out the window now.

Caren: Virus can live three days.

Paul: I quit composting at the transfer station.

Paul: Continue rewriting articles for website. Will email.

Dean will email Steve, cc Caren Ross.

### **C. Chuck: Backyard Farming Initiative Update in Response to COVID-19**

Paul: March cancelled. April likely cancelled. Lee's Farmer's Market – currently not meeting – shifting to farms. Mem Day weekend cancelled. Nothing for LSC to do for now.

More information: Tina Sawtelle, Pinewoods Yankee Farm on Facebook.

Idea for an e-crier article on how to access farms

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

### **E. Paul: ORMS Building Project Bond and Update**

ORMS going ahead.

### **F. Other N/A**

### **V. New Business**

#### **A. All: Upcoming E-Crier Articles- Tracking/Charting TS Volumes**

Dean will work on tracking / charting transfer station volumes.

#### **B. Jen/All: Emergency Preparedness Mitigation**

Jen: Mitigation – Fits with Low Carbon Diet

Jen: Ice storms and blizzards.

Caren: EOC Plan very involved.

Jen: Very detailed

Paul: People going through big changes at home

Caren: The unknown is very scary for people. We're being told not weeks, months.

Jen: Governors in New England working on reopening.

Paul: In response to the president, governors will set their own timeline.

Water Use / Low Carbon / Trees / Use Less – re homefront; practical choices in normal times.  
Our role: education & outreach.

Jen: New Normal

Paul: Caren, New Normal is the current (pre Corona) theme from the ORHS Sustainability Club.  
More sustainable choices.

Caren: Roadside Cleanup might be a good activity now. Pick up your side of the road. Get people outside. Town has 25 vests, nitrile gloves.

Dean: I like the idea of doing something now.

Paul: Meeting software says we've reached our 40 minute limit. Thought we paid to avoid this.

Caren: 40 minute limit with 3 or more attendees. [Caren leaves meeting]

### **C. All: Lee's Trees, Future LSC Projects- Mentorship Program/Directory?**

Yes, artisans, craftspeople, skills.

Strafford County, UNH Coop Extension created an online map of all farms in NH.

Paul: I will gather bits and pieces to form a directory.

Jen: Not stepping on EOC, pointing people toward it.

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

### **E. Other N/A**

### **VI. Public Comments N/A**

### **VII. Closing Actions**

#### **A. Future Meeting Dates: 5/12/20 7pm Zoom**

#### **B. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting: 5/12/20**

See above

### **VIII. Adjournment - 3-0 8:14 pm**

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rubine