



Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting

APPROVED Minutes

October 15, 2020 at 7:00PM

via Zoom

Meeting ID: 923-766-4832

Password: 136658

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9237664832>

Or Via Telephone

Call: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting by Zoom, first session from 7:00 pm -7:40; reconvene for second session 8:00 pm - 8:40 pm.

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

Members absent: Jennifer Messeder

Public Present: Maggie Morrison, Oyster River Cooperative School District Sustainability Coordinator

I. Call to Order 7:04 pm

II. Preliminary Actions

A. Introduction

Welcome to Erika Hunter, our newly sworn-in member. Erika is a master gardener and a long time resident of Oyster River Condos. "Sustainability is the future, it should be now."

B. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved unchanged.

C. Approve Minutes

9/15/2020 Dean needs to understand which notes Jen meant to include in 6/16/2020 minutes. We'll wait until Jen is back.

D. Correspondence/Events

Maggie Morrison, ORCSD Sustainability coordinator, suggested we contact Eric Feigenbaum, administrator of the town of Madbury, to include Madbury in municipal compost discussions; he will forward to other interested Madbury citizens.

Julie Glover, town administrator -- see Zoom discussion below.

III. New Business

A. Maggie Morrison(ORCSD): ORCSD Waste Audit and Composting Proposal

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hvOQW9FFImznYhE5Q5FqH_JsdI9Sc8Be

B. Dean: Municipal Composting Proposal

[A & B: Maggie Morrison disconnected - committee will wait until she rejoins. Meeting skipped to IV A. Maggie rejoined at 7:20 pm.]

[combined A & B compost discussion]

MM: As a result of our audit, the ORCSD Sustainability Club is focusing on composting, especially composting in the classroom, raising awareness in teachers and staff. We're seeking a panel of reviewers, perhaps including the Lee Sustainability Committee, to judge creative proposals addressing this. There is a financial reward for the winner.

MM: Durham Waste Management Committee is doing a compost challenge / mini audit. New DPDW director putting together a compost plan. Agricycle Maine is taking UNH compost but says not enough volume from Durham.

Dean: I thought UNH's food waste went to Kingman Farm composting. I talked to Mike Nork, responsible for Permitting & Design Review at NHDES. He recognized that there were (as the result of a 2015 law) supposed to be new rules making it easier for municipalities to compost at transfer stations by now. The rule rewriting effort has been hampered by understaffing at NHDES, compounded by a subsequent law mandating a 30 day response to applications. Currently, municipal scale composting efforts like UNH / Kingman Farm run into strict meat and dairy disposal rules. Mr. Nork offered NHDES would be inclined to grant a waiver to the meat & dairy rules that allows municipal compost proposals to go forward. To date

no town has applied. If Agricycle Maine is paying for food waste I'd prefer that to local composting, which would have some personnel cost, estimated by Mr. Nork as one quarter of a full-time-equivalent. If Agricycle's not an option for us, I'm interested in pursuing municipal composting, combining food waste from Lee, Durham, Madbury and the schools.

MM: We should share this information with Rich at Durham DPW and the Durham Integrated Waste Management Committee. Durham contracted with Waste Management for disposal but reserved their options for composting plans. Kingman Farm had a problem with seagulls; UNH contracted with Agricycle to take food waste.

Dean will follow up.

Chuck: There's work showing meat and dairy are safe to compost.

Erika: Why can't we combine our food waste with UNH's?

Chuck: I have a good book about municipal composting I can loan.

Dean will interface with Kingman Farm, Amanda, MM.

[Zoom time out at 7:36 pm -- reconvene at 8pm.]

IV. Discussion Items/Updates

A. Updates: LSC Proposed Budget for FY22 and ABC Review

Zoom Account: Upgrading to Annual Account

Paul: I attended ABC meeting 10/6 and shared email. Because Ag Comm was not going to do BFI our budget was reduced to \$500 again. Talked to the select board about Zoom for the committee. Told them committees and commissions are the backbone of Lee. The committee requests its own Zoom account, \$149 annually.

Dean: Committees could share -- we only need one night per month.

Paul: It relates to town internet security. We could use the webinar feature, which is an upgrade to a paid account.

Dean moved that Paul create a remote meeting proposal according to our discussion. Erika 2nd. Roll call vote, 4 - 0, motion passes.

[Reconvened 8:00 pm 10/15/2020. Paul, Chuck, Dean present. Erika, Jen, Maggie Morrison absent.]

Chuck: Ruth Eifert exploring doing BFI via Zoom. Lee Library has Zoom account. LSC could cosponsor. No associated expenses.

Paul: Recording the Zoom is easy.

Chuck: Two sessions cancelled last year can be done.

Consensus of the committee was to continue to sponsor and support BFI. Chuck will keep us informed.

B. Update: Jen->'One Bin' Book Proof for Web Page

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QeIVxY3ifuR-JKA8ogreS6CUod5JkNmJ/view?usp=sharing>.

Comments. #13. about the mixed paper we can no longer recycle: You may throw them with the municipal waste unbagged. Chuck: Too bad about paper -- it's compostable. #14, same comment. #16 -- question about glass / road sand.

C. Update: Paul-> Models for Lee Cottage Industry, Craftspeople and Artisan Directory

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vuKEIJjQY8RQWmMjYFFkiZpwsChEd3a>

Allowing a 250 word description.

D. Next Steps:

Dean will draft E-Crier article about draft / water conservation using existing sources / prose ; refer to well document. Dean will update Lee Transfer Station charticle to include 3Q 2020 data.

Paul reported he pulled the cap on his well, measured depth - static water level 30 feet down, normal level.

Chuck: Ponds are way down, blueberry irrigation wells still flowing. Some ponds down. Emerson Rd pond remains up. Artesian wells on Rice / Demeritt.

Chuck: We need awareness of the groundwater. Rain running 8 - 12 inches behind normal.

V. Public Comments N/A

VI. Closing Actions

A. Future Meeting Dates

11/10/2020, 12/8/2020, generally second Tuesday of the month, 7pm

B. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting

see above

V. Adjournment

Dean moved to adjourn, Chuck 2nd, Roll call vote 3-0, Adjourned 8:32 pm.

Draft Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rubine