



**Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes - October 11, 2022; 7 PM**
1st floor Meeting Room, Lee Public Safety Complex
George Bennett Road, Lee, NH

Members Present: Dean Rubine (Chair), Paul Gasowski, Chuck Cox, Jennifer Messeder

Members Absent: N/A

Officials Present: Katrin Kasper

Public Present: N/A

I. Call to Order: 6:58 pm

Introductions, guests: N/A

II. Public Comments: N/A

III. Preliminary Actions

A. Approval of Agenda

Paul asked to add a Fix-it/Mend-it event again. Added to New Business.

Dean moved to accept the agenda as amended. Chuck seconded. Approved 5:0.

B. Approval of Minutes

Sept 6 - Edits marked in Google Drive were reviewed and approved. No other changes were suggested.

Paul moved to accept the minutes as amended. Jen seconded. Approved 4:0:1 (Katrin abstained).

C. Correspondence

- Volunteer and Employee Dinner October 13th Public Safety Complex 6pm. One guest per volunteer welcome. RSVP Denise Duval.
- Seacoast Private Well Initiative (cosponsored by NHDES) doing free water testing in Madbury. (Added to New Business.)
- Paul, Dean RE ABC presentation.

D. Other: N/A

IV. Updates on Old Business

A. All – Lee Fair 2022 wrap-up

Everything went well. Dean reported that NH Rep Janet Wall stopped by and might want to attend an LSC meeting.

We discussed the fact that our table and the Energy Committee's table were way out back, so we didn't get much traffic.

Chuck reported that the Fair Committee is considering starting the Fair a little earlier in the future, and whether it worked well to not allow take-down activities until after the fireworks. The type of fireworks resulted in restrictions on how things are set up, which affected locations of tables and booths.

DECIDED: Next year, see if we can get a better location.

B. Budget request wrap up

When Paul reviewed the presentation materials shortly before the meeting, he had a suggestion to change wording from we "founded" the RCWG to we "cofounded" it. The change was made before the meeting.

The presentation went well and we await the final decision.

ACTION: Paul will share the emails about the ABC presentation correction with the LSC.

C. Paul – ArtisticLEE – Artisan Directory pilot

Paul shared his email correspondence with Andy Robertson, who is excited about the pilot. If there are no other changes, we should be set to send the packet to the ten or so pilot participants.

As we receive information from participants, we can explore web site authoring tools and perhaps spend the winter building the site.

Dean passed some proofreading updates for the packet and cover letter to Paul.

Dean suggested indenting “additional online presence” on the application, so it’s clear that it’s part of the publicly shared information.

Dean suggested adding a statement above the signature block on the application – “Your signature or name below grants the Town of Lee NH and the Lee Sustainability Committee the non-exclusive right to publish the public information submitted on or with this form.” The LSC agreed.

ACTIONS:

- Dean to send Jen the blurb for the signature part of the application
- Dean to send Paul the LSC email password
- Jen to adjust the application and send to the LSC
- Paul to adjust the cover letter
- Paul to send the revised packet to the pilot participants

D. All – Transfer Station Initiatives

All – Reduce consumption, increase recycling

Dean suggested re-running the E-Crier article about it being a good time to recycle. The committee would like to review it again before re-running.

Chuck suggested partnering with the Lee Library book group to select a book about recycling or reducing consumption.

Chuck reported that ORCRead (Oyster River Community Read, ORCRead.org) is doing *Palaces for the People* by Eric Klinenberg. We might suggest a book to them.

ACTION: Dean to send the recycling article for LSC review.

All – Video explaining how to recycle?

No response yet from ORHS. Dean offered to check in with Jon Bromley and Jen Weeks.

ACTION: Dean to check in with Jon Bromley and Jen Weeks.

E. Dean/Jen – Tech/SharePoint

Jen reported that the Lee Greeters are working with Denise Duval, Andy Robertson and Steve Gagnon to set up a working session that will be open to all members of all Lee public bodies. The goal would be to get everyone set up and logged in. If there's time remaining, we can go over the basics of using SharePoint.

If the working session is done via Zoom, there will be the option to record the session for those who could not attend.

F. Paul – Sustainability within the ORCSD

This could be merged with the recycling video topic.

G. Chuck – Backyard Farming Initiative 2023

Chuck reported that the committee is looking into doing four sessions (Jan-Apr) on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Location is TBD. The Grange is up in the air at the moment, but the Safety Complex or Emerson House might be options. The focus will be on foods (using, not growing).

- Grains
- Fresh vs aged
- Live vs dead
- Foraging

Paul suggested considering the Mast Way School.

There's some talk about getting the Farmers Market up and running again. Paul reported that the Recreation Commission expressed interest in running it.

Do we want to cosponsor BFI again and help with any expenses?

DECIDED: We would like to cosponsor again and will consider helping with expenses once they're known.

H. Dean – Drought and water conservation

The drought is improving, but we're still dry. The water level in the Messeders' dug well is rising – not fast, but it's going in the right direction.

DECIDED: We won't re-run the E-Crier article until/unless things get dry again.

I. Jen - Collaborate with Lee Greeters on recycle bins

Nothing to report. The Greeters meet on October 18.

J. Dean/Chuck – *Table to Farm* Compost Initiative (tabled)

Tabled.

K. Other: N/A

V. New Business

A. Planning for the upcoming year

Made in Lee Artisan Fair - Mother's Day Sunday May 14, 2023

Do we want to do another one, possibly right before Mother's Day like this year?

We'd need to review our notes and feedback for adjustments we'd need to make. What is our stance on fundraising? Do we want to expand cosponsors? Invite Sandi Jenkins to work with us again?

Dean moved to hold an event on 5/13/23 or 5/6/23. Paul seconded. Approved 5:0.

DECIDED: Only Lee artisans. Invite everyone, leveraging those listed on the eventual ArtisticLEE web site. Have a program listing the vendors, maybe with a map of who's where at the venue (as a handout).

ACTIONS:

- Paul to review town and ORCSD policies about fundraisers.
- Paul to submit an application for Mast Way – gym and café.
- Paul to reach out to Sandi Jenkins to let her know we're starting the process; would she like to join the conversation?

Fix-it/Mend-it event

Do we want to do another event? At Mast Way again? Cosponsors?

Paul suggested March. He offered to explore dates and pull together our notes from 2019.

Jen can't guarantee her availability until March 25.

Dean moved that we have a Fix-it/Mend-it event on a weekend day in March 2023. Katrin seconded. Approved 5:0.

ACTION: Paul to see if Mast Way is available in March, and on what dates.

B. Seacoast Private Well Initiative

Dean sent information about Madbury doing an event that involves free water testing for households. He offered to do more research into the program to see if it's something we'd like to suggest to our Select Board.

ACTION: Dean to call the "Got Questions" person to find out more and report back to us.

C. Other: N/A

VI. Public Comments: N/A

VII. Closing Actions

A. Future Meeting Dates: November 1 (though Dean will try to move us back to Nov 8 because the election will be at Mast Way), December 13

B. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting (including COVID status)

As above

VIII. Adjournment:

Jen moved to adjourn. Dean seconded. Approved 5:0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jen Messeder

Please email sustain@leenh.org if you have suggestions, comments or questions.