



**Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes – November 8, 2022; 7 PM**
1st floor Meeting Room, Lee Public Safety Complex
George Bennett Road, Lee, NH

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

Members Absent: N/A

Officials Present: N/A

Public Present: N/A

I. Call to Order: 7:06 pm

Remotely-participating members must declare any persons present. Roll call votes are required when any members are remote.

Paul stated that he was by himself.

Introductions, guests: N/A

II. Public Comments: N/A

III. Preliminary Actions

A. Approval of Agenda

The following updates were suggested: Add Jen's upcoming resignation; "un-table" the drought topic.

Dean moved to approve the agenda as amended. Chuck seconded. Roll call vote; 4-0.

B. Approval of Minutes

October 11 - Edits marked in Google Drive were reviewed. No other changes were suggested.

Chuck moved to approve the minutes as amended. Jen seconded. Roll call vote; 4-0.

C. Correspondence

- Dean, Jon Bromley RE Recycling in Lee Video follow-up/reminder
- Dean, Amy Hudnor (NH DES) RE Private Well Workshop in Lee; they'll do the presentation, but there's no money left for free tests

D. Other: N/A

IV. Updates on Old Business

A. Paul – ArtisticLEE – Artisan Directory pilot

Paul sent out the pilot packet to all 20 artisans who participated in the Made in Lee Artisan Fair in May. He needs access to the LSC's email account to see if anyone has responded.

Dean did a quick check of the email and sees one response.

ACTION: Dean to check the email regularly and let us know about responses. He'll also try to help Paul get into the account.

B. Dean/Paul/Jen – Tech/MS Teams/SharePoint

Jen reported that the Greeters Committee is going to use themselves as a small pilot group while we figure out how to bring all Lee committees on line. The Greeters are looking to work with the Select Board and Back Bay on a group meeting, perhaps on Zoom so that it can be recorded for those who can't attend.

C. Planning for the upcoming year

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

Paul has secured two rooms at Mast Way for Saturday 5/13, with a backup date of 5/6.

He also reached out to Sandi Jenkins, who is interested in helping, but has been out of town.

Fix-it/Mend-it Event – March 2023

Given Jen's intent to resign at the end of the year, should we still plan to do this?

Paul may or may not be available due to health concerns, so declines to be the point person. We need people to help plan and execute if we're going to do this.

We could ask Matt Rowell or other committees (Energy, Agricultural, Heritage, Recreation...) to help with the planning.

DECIDED: Dean will take lead.

ACTION: Dean will draft letters to other committees and to specific individuals who might be available and interested in helping.

D. Chuck – Backyard Farming Initiative 2023

Chuck reported that the Grange is not available for next year's series. There are other options for free or rent.

E. All – Transfer Station Initiatives

All – Reduce consumption, increase recycling

We reached out to Steve Bullek about re-running the "Great Time to Recycle More" article, and he said to hold off because the prices have dropped a lot since we first wrote the article.

Do we want to write an article to fit the new situation?

DECIDED: No article at this time.

All – Suggest book studies to ORCRead or Lee Library?

Lee Library may have already planned out their schedule.

ACTION: Chuck will check with ORCRead.

All – Video explaining how to recycle? Work with ORCSD

Dean reminded Jon Bromley and Jen Weeks about the idea. Otherwise, nothing new.

F. Jen - Collaborate with Lee Greeters on recycle bins

Steve Bullek let the Lee Greeters know that he has purchased some 45 recycle bins for the Greeters to use. The LSC can consider this resolved.

G. Dean – Drought and water conservation

Dean reported that the drought monitor site for Strafford County now lists the area as basically drought-free. Good news!

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

Still tabled.

I. Other: N/A

V. New Business

A. New Secretary Needed

Jen let the LSC know that she'll be resigning from the committee at the end of the year due to an overbooked schedule.

Dean offered to take on the Secretarial duties in addition to being Chair.

Jen has been sending the agenda to the three people who had expressed interest at the Made in Lee Fair in May. The LSC should be prepared to take contact info every time we sponsor an event.

Another option is to put out calls for volunteers for specific events, without pushing people to join officially. Is this allowable? Would these volunteers need to sign a volunteer list for planning meetings, or just for the actual events?

ACTION:

- Paul to check with Andy Robertson on the logistics of event-specific volunteers.
- Jen to send her secretarial notes and tips to Dean.

B. 2023 Town Report

We reviewed the corrections and comments.

ACTION: Dean to update the report and send it again for review.

C. Other: N/A

VI. Public Comments: N/A

VII. Closing Actions

A. Future Meeting Dates: December 13; Dean to extend the series into 2023

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

As above

VIII. Adjournment:

Chuck moved to adjourn. Jen seconded. Roll call vote: 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jen Messeder

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