



**Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes
December 13, 2022**

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

Members Absent: Paul Gasowski

Officials Present: Katrin Kasper, Selectperson

Public Present: N/A

I. Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Introductions, guests: N/A

II. Public Comments: N/A

III. Preliminary Actions

A. Approval of Agenda

Agenda is accepted without change.

B. Approval of Minutes

Dean moves to approve the November 8, 2022 minutes. Chuck seconds. Vote 3-0-1, minutes approved unamended. Katrin abstains.

The chair thanks Jen for another set of perfect minutes and remarks how we will miss her doing them in the future.

C. Correspondence

- a. 2023 meeting dates
- b. ArtisticLEE

Covered below.

D. Other: N/A

IV. Updates on Old Business

A. All – 2023 Town Report - Dean

They were turned in on time, before Thanksgiving. Thanks everyone for your comments.

B. Paul – ArtisticLEE – Artisan Directory pilot N/A

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

Jen: The Greeters will discuss this at their January meeting and consider possibly transferring this project to the Lee Municipal Technology Advisory Committee (MTAC).

D. Planning for the upcoming year.

- Made in Lee Artisan Fair – May 13, 2023
- Fix-it/Mend-it Event – March 2023

Dean: Let's discuss both these at the same time. Paul has arranged for the Mast Way rooms on the Artisan Fair, so we can continue planning, start gathering vendors.

Chuck: I talked to Matt Rowell who would like to participate in Fix-it/Mend-it (thanks Matt) but doesn't want to help organize.

Dean: I wrote the draft to committees inviting them to cosponsor Fix-it/Mend-it. Rather than sending those, due to our manpower shortage I'm proposing that we combine these two events.

Jen: Made or Mended in Lee.

Katrin: Invite the high school Sustainability Committee.

Chuck: I talked to Bambi Miller. She's working with the library on an event about repairing chairs. Fix-it/Mend-it would be a good venue for that.

Katrin: Grab a chair from the swap shop and demonstrate how to revive it.

Katrin: We have two rooms: one for selling, one for mending and fixing.

Katrin: LL Bean will mend and fix their items and are looking for locations that would attract people. You should contact them.

Dean: I'm going to hold off on sending out the letters to the other committees. When Paul's back we can decide whether to combine.

E. Chuck – Backyard Farming Initiative 2023

The 2023 program is all together; Haley at the library has the flier. It's the fourth Wednesday of the month, January through April 2023, 7pm, at Misty Meadows in Lee.

January topic: grains

February: eating local, stretching people's imaginations, Fresh or Aged? Donna Lee will discuss cheese, Evan Mallett from the Black Trumpet will participate.

March: Flag Hill Winery, David Vargus of Pita Cantina, Portsmouth, Chefs Collaborative, on eating local: Alive or Dead.

April: Foraging and Herbs, Wendy Fogg and John Forti, director of Bedrock Gardens, book in library, Heirloom Gardening, knowledgeable on foraging and historic heirloom plants.

BFI 2023 is 7pm on the 4th Wednesday, January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26. Next season: water. Possible summer session.

F. All – Transfer Station Initiatives

- All – Reduce consumption, increase recycling

Katrin: Biden/Harris American Recycle Day, Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants, Model Recycling Program Toolkits. EPA has \$335 M to grant over 5 years. We should apply.

Jen: More recycling bins.

Chuck: UNH grant

Katrin: We missed out on new recycling initiatives from the NRRRA, \$5K. Let's get started on next year.

Chuck: We could use grant money to fund Steve Bullek's assistant.

Katrin: The town will be getting Director Bullek the assistant he sorely needs.

- All – Suggest book studies to ORCRead or Lee Library? N/A
- All – Video explaining how to recycle? Work with ORCSD.

Dean: I'll hint at this again when I see Mr. Bromley.

G. Dean – Drought and water conservation

Strafford County has been totally out of drought for the last month or so.

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

I. Other

V. New Business

a. Goodbye and thanks to Jen.

Dean moved that the committee award Jen Messeder a certificate which reads:

The Lee Sustainability Committee thanks Jen Messder for her long and distinguished service on the Lee Sustainability Committee. Jen's passionate, thoughtful, dedicated, organized, meticulous and professional approach to the sustainability issues of the town of Lee, New Hampshire are a model to which we all aspire, and will be greatly missed.

Chuck seconds. Approved 3-0-1 with Jen abstaining.

The committee reluctantly accepts Jen's resignation.

Chuck: Let's work on new members.

Katrin: They'll be happier if you don't bicker at meetings.

Dean: Thanks, good tip.

VI. Public Comments N/A

VII. Closing Actions

A. Future Meeting Dates: Dean confirmed with Denise for second Tuesdays of the months of 2023, 7pm in the Safety Complex.

Dean: March was conflicted, so I reserved Wednesday March 8, 2022, 7pm, Safety Complex as an alternative. Chuck: I can do that date. Dean: We'll run it by Paul.

B. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting

VIII. Adjournment:

Katrin moved to adjourn. Jen seconded. Approved 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dean Rubine

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