



**Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting  
Minutes – March 21, 2023;**

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

**Members Absent:** N/A

**Officials Present:** N/A

**Officials Absent:** Katrin Kasper, Selectperson

**Public Present:** Sandi Jenkins

**I. Call to Order:** 7:06 pm

Introductions, guests: Welcome back, Sandi

**II. Public Comments:** N/A

**III. Preliminary Actions**

**A. Approval of Agenda**

**B. Approval of Minutes 2/14/2023**

Reviewed and accepted edits to the draft minutes. Chuck moved, Paul 2nd. 3-0 vote. 2/14 minutes approved as amended.

**C. Correspondence**

- Katrin Kasper, recycling foam

**D. Other:** N/A

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Paul / Sandi - Made in Lee Artisan Fair – May 13, 2023**

Sandi: A total 18 vendors committed to attending; same as last year because two didn't show up. Three new attendees in the count. Waiting to hear from 2 vendors; two maybes who have not committed. Everybody's really excited about it. Giclee

art is new; another new person who attended last year and gave Sandi a business card, included this year. Another person is the husband of one of the attendees last year, who does some Carpentry work (Rob Lusignan, Kris Ringman's husband).

Chuck: Ryan Thompson is a musician who can provide music and lessons. He and his son are well known; set up and play, do lessons, instructions. He said that date was good. Captain Fiddle. He lives in Lee.

PAUL: He should bring his own amp. I'll speak with the school system about PA for us; perhaps we can use Captain Fiddles.

Other person: Amy Daskel, who did our logo.

Sandi: She wasn't interested last year.

Chuck: Not sure; she does lessons too.

Chuck: On the Fix It Mend It, several people interested: Bedrock Gardens, Jill Nooney, sculptor. Matt Rowell, sharpening, very interested. Cary Brown, interested in doing electric fixit stuff. Rick Messeder Bicycle repair. Bambi Miller, Chair caning. Chuck: I could do something on putting handles on tools. To contact: Steve Handler. Dave Minor (will be here), Jim Banks wasn't sure, would get back to me. Annie Gasowski (rug braiding) will be at the library booth/table. Susan Ebert, James Ronowski.

Paul: I tested the Wi-Fi, we're good, it tested out fine. It's easily accessible. Talked to Sandi about it. Once we set the vendors, I'll put together a template for the procedures for getting on, Sandi can distribute. If we have a preliminary list, idea of numbers, I will send email to Andy Robertson, copy police Chief Tom Dronsfield. Just the number for now, we'll firm up the insurance when we have the full list. Communicate that it will be OK if they brought food for their own consumption.

Sandi: As we get closer, let's print a directory, email describing Wi-Fi and food guidelines, attach email and participants, hand out at door.

Paul: Map of who's there and where they're located.

Chuck: List with phone, email address, etc. Ask if it's ok

Sandi: Map might be challenging. Keep it simple.

Sandi: Giving ourselves enough advance time, get photographs of the art. Sandi can send something out. We should set some deadlines.

Paul: I snapped lots of pictures last year

Dean: We can use Paul's pictures.

Paul: I'll send them up

Sandi: I'll use a few pictures for E crier. Week before, Friday of.

Dean: We can send ad to Durham Friday Updates, Madbury Post

Sandi: Caren printed and laminated

Dean: I can help with Photoshop

Dean: I'll help with announcements and postings

Sandi: I know where to post them

Sandi: In email to participants, please don't break down our table before the event

Paul: Survey them what they need in terms of tables and chairs

Sandi: So far, 8 individuals have ask for a table, 3 for electricity.

Sandi: Anthony, Ryan and John will help. I have six sons.

Sandi: I had a woman reach out; she's with Mast Way School PTO, Kathleen Harris. Can the Mast Way PTO have a table to sell baked goods to sell baked goods, school merch, crafts for kids. Told her to check with the town re vending of food.

Paul: Question of liability. If she's a teacher, it's ok. As a parent she may be covered by the school liability police. Find out her affiliation for the PTO,

Sandi: Is that what matters? School merch, crafts for kids.

Paul: Library has craft packages for kids.

Chuck: At town meetings people bring refreshments

Paul: Can't do that

Dean: So the position is food NO, crafts YES

Paul: Wilkinson food pantry collection? If the church doesn't want to do that, maybe End 68 Hours of Hunger from the school system would do that.

Paul: It would be a nice thing to do for the school, they're supportive of us.

Sandi: It doesn't fit it to what I see as an Artisan Fair; We do have one woman who wants to bring vinyl art, T shirts. It's not really an artisan thing but she's created it in Lee. Similar for school sponsored shirts.

Paul: Put her outside the door, give them a nice opportunity.

Sandi: Good idea

Paul: Concerned about the size of the thing. Chuck, I suggest you monitor the Fix It Mend It. Someone needs to be in the cafeteria throughout.

Chuck: I can oversee that. Put up a display and see how things go.

Paul: Matt Rowell knows he can share but he can't sharpen. Tell him and Cary Brown to do it like they did already. I think we can't take any more people.

Paul: Cancel Fix It / Mend It ? Keep it simple. Not proposing that, Chuck contacted all the people. Sandi's husband and sons, Annie Gasowski, friends of the library. Put together a list sheet by the hours. Someone outside the door. Greet people, be aware of.

Dean: I'll find some folks,

Paul: I see myself as floating over the whole event, Sandi similar.

Sandi: I am going to have a table. Last year I floated, I talked, but I'm not just an administrator. I want to participate.

Paul: We can find people to work the door. Handout.

Sandi: I'll be working the room.

Paul: We need a date to cutoff applicants

Chuck: Idea: Library can have a table of Fix It books.

Paul: Talk to Haley

Chuck: I'll see her tomorrow night.

Paul: April 10th cutoff for vendors and participants.

Sandi: I'll draft directory list on April 11th Meeting

Paul: I will contact Town Admin Andy Robertson, Chief Tom D, school re preliminary on tables.

Chuck: find out if Ryan Tompson can bring his audio stuff

Sandi: On the 11th, bring in a draft of the email.

Paul: I'll put together something on Wi-Fi

Sandi: We'll hit the ground running on the 11th

Chuck: Ryan Tompson will be at Farmer's Breakfast, April 1

Sandi: I'll make name tags for people

Dean: Rich Messeder will Fix It Mend It

Sandi: Notice in E Crier two times

Dean will post on sustainability Facebook page, website

Sandi leaves 7:55 pm

**B. Paul – ArtisticLEE – Artisan Directory pilot**

Paul: Suggestion, Sandi will have a list with email addresses, as will Chuck, we sit on that list until the committee figures out what to do.

**C. Chuck – Backyard Farming Initiative 2023**

Tomorrow night is the third in the series, we'll all be there. Presenters are all set to go. Haley is all set. Misty Meadows 7pm March 22.

It's worked out nicely there, she's happy to have the town have the space. Last one went very well, about 20 people there.

Paul: Haley was wondering whether to bring food.

Chuck: Dave Vargus is bring food things he's talking about

Paul: Steak was pretty awesome from Evan Mallet

**D. All - E-Crier articles**

ACTION: Dean will work on Salt and Winter Heat Waves

ACTION: Paul will evolve Artisan Fair ad into a call for attendance

Paul: Sandi will be doing that. We'll tell Denise not to run the volunteer article this week – I'll take care of letting her know.

**E. All – Transfer Station Initiatives**

- All – Reduce consumption, increase recycling
- All – Suggest book studies to ORCRead or Lee Library?

- All – Video explaining how to recycle? Work with ORCSD.

N/A

#### **F. New Members / Volunteers**

Dean will reach out, ask for a 1 hour shift at the Artisan Fair.

Chuck: We have our meeting a few days before

Dean: We can invite them, but it's optional if they come

Chuck: Jen says Rick Messeder might attend meetings

Chuck: Erik Johnson, candidate for Select Board, is especially interested in sustainability, contacted Dean.

#### **G. Grants**

Dean: I'm continuing to monitor; haven't seen one worth applying for yet.

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

Still tabled.

#### **I. Other**

### **V. New Business**

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

From Katrin: Styrofoam recycling. Consider it, send a letter to Steve.

Chuck: Laurel and I went to the NH Land Trust Coalition Workshop, February, Burley Farm, where SELT has their new offices. Talking about community needs besides land conservation, interested in solar energy and workforce housing. How this fits in with Land Trust. SELT is one of the members of the Coalition. Periodic meetings.

How that impacted on conservation easements. How things can be set up so the easements don't prohibit solar. Stipulation in easements to allow renewable energy. Two systems; homeowner has their own batteries or net meeting, bigger industrial systems, 1-5 acre installations, community scale. Very few places over the whole state for location. Access to three-phase electricity. Limits locations. Acres close enough to the power to economically run your wires. Can't be more than a 10% slope, south or southwest orientation, no wetlands, no ledge, limited agricultural use. Some crops do quite well under solar panels, slightly temperate. Grazing sheep works, cows are too big and clumsy. Fixed panes. Goats check on panels. The one spot that has come to mind, Madbury Greenhouse. Talked to Town Administrator Feignebaum, Town owns the field

next to the safety complex. Greenhouses are privately owned, used to make roses, lots of chemicals. Not useful for houses, prime use for solar, like a greenhouse.

Workforce housing: re zoning, clustered housing to get more open spaces. Auxiliary Dwelling Units. Historically, there used to be workforce housing. Madbury greenhouses, those apartments, those were worker housing. In Rollinsford mills, workforce housing.

Paul: In Newmarket when we first moved to NH, all those streets were workforce housing.

Chuck: Gentrification and sprawl a problem

Good event, reimbursement?

Dean moves that Chuck gets reimbursed \$20 for Land Trust Coalition Workshop. Paul 2nd. Approved 3-0.

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

## **VII. Closing Actions**

### **A. Future Meeting Dates**

Second Tuesday of the month in general.

Tuesday April 11th

Tuesday May 9th

### **B. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting**

[see above]

## **VIII. Adjournment**

**Chuck moved, Paul 2nd, 3-0 adjourned 8:18 pm**

Respectfully submitted, Dean Rubine

Please email [sustain@leenh.org](mailto:sustain@leenh.org) if you have suggestions, comments or questions.

