



**Town of Leesburg Environmental Advisory Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 2, 2022**

The Town of Leesburg's Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) met on August 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall at 25 West Market St., Leesburg, Virginia.

**Call to Order:** Chair Sheaffer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Paul Sheaffer, Julie Bolthouse, Kohler Brafford, Leigh Anne Faugust, Ami Mason, Martha Jones and Bill Replogle.

**Absent:** n/a

**Observers:** Jennifer Chu

**Staff Representative:** Richard Klusek

**Paul Sheaffer stated:** "It is the practice of the Town of Leesburg to record meetings of the Town's standing boards and commissions. All Town Council, Board, and Commission meetings are recorded and can be found on the Town's Web Site at [www.LeesburgVA.gov](http://www.LeesburgVA.gov) .

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved 7-0-0 (motion by Brafford, second by Jones)

**Approval of Minutes:** The meeting minutes of July 13, 2022 were approved 5-0-2 (motion by Bolthouse, second by Sheaffer) with the update spelling of chairman's name.

**Chairperson's Statement:** It's been a hot summer, let's get to work.

**Old Business:**

- a. ***Air Quality Meters*** Paul found a potential location outside of parking garage but WIFI may be a problem.
- b. ***Recycling Discussion:*** Paul found that Rene of Public Works has been working with the County trying to find a location for purple bins. Mixing glass in with single stream recycled materials is not a good option: it is separated from recycled materials (and contaminates it) and then goes to the land fill. Leesburg doesn't have purple bins except at the landfill. Rene supports the idea that we send a letter to the Town Council encouraging them to 1) embrace purple bins and 2) stop suggesting to put glass in single stream recycling. Rich reported that Rene has not been successful finding private property to host the purple bins. And that town costs would be \$75,000 per year to have

pickup of purple bin recycled glass if town handled this without help from County. Paul will continue to work on a letter to Town Council.

Even if we do not get additional purple bins, we should probably should have an education campaign to inform residents about glass recycling and the existing purple bins.

**Facebook Ads:** Don't recycle Styrofoam. Don't bag your recyclables. Bill hasn't gotten results from Leah. It would be nice to get data from Patriot giving a percentage of how much of collected material is actually recycled.

**From Rich:** Recycling tour has 2 options 1) Patriot transfer station in Manassas and or 2) MRF in Manassas or Sterling. Tours would occur during work hours. We will request a Tuesday or Thursday morning in September preferably of both locations.

- c. **Fall Cleanup Event:** Oct 22 @ 10am – this is a 1-day event. Location ideas: Liberty Street Parking Lot, Raflo Park or Farmer's Market. We will have to coordinate with Farmer's Market if we want to do that. Paul and Julie may have contacts for the Farmer's Market group. We may want to hand out seeds and bags at Farmer's Market. Think about signing up vs. not signing up.

#### **New Business:**

- a. **Leesburg EAC and Loudoun County EC**

Julie met with Loudoun County EC and Paul attended the summit. They get more direction from the board of supervisors. The County EC operates differently than the Leesburg EAC.

#### **Staff Items:**

- a. None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm approved 7-0-0 (motioned by Mason, second by Bolthouse)