

**Education Committee
Grand Central
October 15, 2009**

Members (and Guests) Present: Kate Newkirk, Jane Edwards, Dick Thomas, Iver Lofving, Jim Cook, Jamie Nemecek, Gail Carlson, Ross Nason, Linda Woods

1. Weatherization projects

- **Iver:** Saturday at Empire Grill at 8 AM with Carol of Cooperative Extension; Green Club will talk to people about weatherization and offer to insulate
- **Jim:** & Gang Green will distribute weatherization kits in Fairfield
- The hope is to contact 100 homes in both communities.
- **Dick** talked about the Energy Committee's plan to offer one-stop shopping to mid-income people to increase the weatherization at their homes.
- **Ross** told about Unity's weatherization plan. It is free for low income people; middle income people pay for their kit and one other (or volunteer to help with the project?); higher income households are asked to pay for two other kits.

2. Jamie: Community Education Projects

- Each month the Education Committee will hold a free educational program at Barrels or another public location.
- **Linda** has a list of potential free programs. She is looking into getting these listed on the Inland Hospital calendar. They will definitely be posted in What's Happening and on the Sustain Mid-Maine web site. It would be ideal to have a list of these available at various locations.
- **Gail** will contact local stores about Shopping Locally for Nov. 28 maybe as a pilot project.
- **Jamie, Gail & Linda** will be a subcommittee to plan above.
- **Kate** is a potential presenter because she does MOFGA programs.

3. **Ross** explained how Team 4 (Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle) started their composting program. Jeff Hill (former DEP person who does composting workshops) will be presenting a series of workshops about composting. Sally arranged this with Barrels. There is also a program scheduled at the Waterville Public Library.

The schedule for the Composting Workshops is as follows:

Sunday, October 18 at 1pm, 2pm, and 3 pm; Wednesday, October 21 at 5 PM – Barrels Community Market

Saturday, October 24 at 11 am at the Waterville Public Library

4. A discussion was held on why it is so difficult to get schools and individuals to recycle. This could be a subject for one of the monthly presentations.

5. **October 24 is International 350 Day**, a program started by Bill McKibbin to call attention to reducing the carbon footprint. There are programs being held locally at UMF (where Iver will be speaking. FMI: contact Iver), at Lawrence High School (trying to get 350 people to pledge to do one carbon reducing activity. A picture of those who participate will be posted on the 350.org web site. FMI: contact Linda), and at Colby (where they are hoping to gather 350 people for an aerial photo that will also be posted on the 350.org web site. FMI: rebaron@colby.edu).

The next Education Committee meeting will be **November 5 at 6:00 at Grand Central Café.**