

Transportation
February 24, 2011
3:30 -5:00 PM

Members Present: Doug Carnrick, Tina Chapman, Ross Nason, Frank Siviski, Jeanne Siviski, Jim Wood, Linda Woods

Update from annual meeting

- Discussed where to focus efforts
- Jim suggested keeping this list in mind throughout the year.
- Ideas from years ago are still relevant.
- Transportation is a really important, current issue.
- Tina: United Way completed a community survey. Transportation issues were mentioned frequently. Submitted a request for proposal: added a question about what agency will do to assist with transportation
- Doug mentioned the importance of public transportation for people staying at the Shelter. He wondered if the shelter could be part of the route. Jim will check with Betty.

Jeanne is a Unity College student working on an advocacy project to reduce carbon emissions, change transportation behavior, and create alternatives at the college.

- Jim summarized the *Kennebec Explorer* service.
- Longer range plan to go throughout region
- Interested in a Unity College to Waterville run
- Ross could provide technical support by providing data and contact info.
- Hoping to establish a van to Waterville, Ride Share, & car pool
- Jim will be doing a biennial transportation plan and will mention this.

Woman's Wellness Fair

- April 2 from 9 to 2 at Thomas College
- Jim sees this as a promotional activity.
- Might offer free bus rides
- Jim will give Linda schedules to present at the booth.
- Doug recommended giving one free pass with every schedule.
- Tina suggested partnering with one of the screening possibilities to encourage women to visit the bus (which would be parked outside).

Earth Day Celebration in Waterville

- April 23 at Head of Falls (time ???)
- Hosted by Waterville Main Street
- Jim will give Linda schedules to distribute.
- Jim will consider participating in this event.

Earth Day at Lawrence High School

- Jim will consider bringing a bus to LHS on the afternoon of April 15 for their Earth Day celebration.

Kennebec Explorer bus signs will be posted at the bus stops soon.

- Jim hopes to set up a bus stop along Silver St. Extension.
- Tina: connect with Waterville Main St. & Chamber of Commerce *Kennebec Explorer* scavenger hunt
- Linda: check with Kathleen Kenny about summer reading program involving buses
- Linda: check with Kim about a Chamber of Commerce sponsored scavenger hunt using the bus

Jeanne asked about the lifting of the weight ban from I-95. She is concerned about all the trucks driving on local roads. A discussion followed about the rationale behind this. Doug wondered if SMMC should take a position on this issue. If so, the proposal would have to originate with this team and go to the Board for approval. This would require careful wording of the position statement as well as a potential solution. This will be discussed further at the meeting.

The next meeting will be **Thursday, March 24 at 3:30 at KVCOG.**