

Education
June 12, 2012
1:30-3:15

Members Present: Bill Basford, Marilyn Canavan, Jane Edwards, Melissa Hackett, Elery Keene, Bonnie Sammons, Linda Woods

It was noted that four articles about SMMC have been in *The Sentinel* recently.

Bill is doing his DeMotorization presentation at the Portsmouth UU Church.

Melissa provided an update on the green space in the Concourse. It will have a fruit trees, a bandstand, and benches. Educational materials will be available.

The on going discussion about the mission statement led to the decision that the original mission statement created at the Catalyst (titled “Engage the Educational Community”) is out-of-date. The minutes from the January 29, 2011 annual meeting are feasible. (These attachments came with the May minutes. If you need another copy, let Linda know.)

We decided to adopt the following as the working mission statement:

The Education Team of the Sustain Mid Maine Coalition recognizes that we face environmental and economic challenges that impact sustainability of our communities. To address these challenges we seek to educate community members, coalition members and ourselves on sustainability of food, energy, transportation and other basic needs. To promote understanding of what makes communities resilient and sustainable we network with other groups, plan, publicize and implement events, and disseminate information through every means possible.

Action Item:

Linda: Put this on the web site

Brainstorming of activities for the Education Team:

Marilyn: arrange to make a presentation about area schools

Bonnie: create a speakers’ bureau

Linda: use Maine Energy Educational Program

Melissa: develop specific categories of speakers

Melissa: research what is available

Jane: include community education

Elery: noted that Global Forum is successful

Jane: suggested including lunch/food at our events

Elery: provide speakers for groups that have regular meetings (Rotary, Elks)

Marilyn: promote SMMC activities

Elery: promote the importance of doing, not limited to SMMC

Bonnie: need to promote conservation as essential/ maybe conservation should be our focus (conservation means reduction)

Bill: offered to do his DeMotorization talk

Action Item:

Linda: Ask Karen Heck if SMMC could present at a Converge & Create event

Jane wondered how the book group fits into the Education Team. The majority thinks that the book group should continue.

Action Item:

Jane: Invite Lass to the next Education Team meeting

The next meeting will be **July 10 at 10:00** downstairs at Barrel's.

Agenda for the next meeting:

Book group

Continued discussion on speakers

Planning school presentations