

**Board of Directors Minutes**  
**July 10, 2012**  
**8:00 – 9:15**

**Members Present:** Marilyn Canavan, Mike Heavener, Elery Keene, Linda Woods

It was agreed that approval or disapproval of motions taken during this meeting will be contingent on the decision of the remaining members. Marilyn suggested that if a quorum is not present, motions will be made contingent upon approval of the majority of members.

Approving the June minutes was tabled until the meeting.

**Financial Report:**

The city account has a balance of \$889.31.

There is \$1699.62 in the checkbook. Some of this is designated for gardens from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund. We have received \$466.10 as memorial gifts for Blanche Davison. The web site indicates this by stating: "Ten donations totaling \$466.10 were received in memory of Blanche Davison."

**Fund Raising Committee Report:**

The Fund Raising Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

Kim Lindlof agreed to let SMMC sell 50-50 raffle tickets at our table at The Taste of Waterville. John Reuthe has registered us for a table.

Action Item:

Linda: Make a poster for the raffle

Action Items (from May):

Mike H: Contact John Joseph

Mike H: Contact Winslow branch of Bangor Savings about a meeting for both branches

**Coordinator's Report:**

Recent activities to support the Board's action plan:

Public Outreach:

Jane, Elery, & Linda will be distributing SMMC brochures at MIFF's showing of *Fierce Green Fire* Saturday, July 14, 3:15 p.m. and Sunday, July 15, 12:30 p.m at Railroad Square Cinema.

The director of the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund asked SMMC to co-host *Fixing the Future*, July 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Railroad Square Cinema. NEGEF & SMMC will share publicity responsibilities. Cheryl King Fischer & Linda will be introducing the film.

Communications:

*The Townline* has published “Sustainability Matters” by Dick Thomas. Waiting to be published are pieces about the Energy Team and about climate change by Dick Thomas and about the Education Team by Melissa Hackett. Lyn Rowden is unsure when these will be published.

Bonnie Davis (a free-lance writer) interviewed Steve Aucoin and Linda about the Alford Youth Center Garden. She promised to let Linda know if this piece gets published.

### **Education:**

The Education Team has posted its mission statement on the web site. It reads, “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.”

The book discussion group will begin discussing its second book *Plastic Ocean* on July 11 at 5:30 at the Waterville Library.

### **Energy:**

At the team’s next meeting on July 17, the plan is to finalize the thermal-load data and to further refine the vendor feasibility RFP for four energy projects. Responses to the RFP will allow us to identify which projects will be beneficial to pursue.

### **Garden:**

The Local Foods to Meet Local Needs Committee continues to meet and discuss the needs for people who are food insecure. The biggest issue seems to be storage of fresh produce.

The winner of the truckload of compost from the raffle donated it to the community gardens. Tom Poulin will be delivering it soon.

Cindy Owing planted some annuals to enhance the North St. Garden.

### **Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Team:**

Fourteen people volunteered thirty-two hours to help with recycling at The Trek Across Maine.

Plans are underway to compost at The Taste of Waterville on August 1. Contact Linda if you would like to help.

### **Transportation Team:**

The Transportation Team decided to focus on land use in relation to transportation. They plan to prepare a power point reflecting their concerns and hope to present this to area city/town councils.

Jim reported that the *Kennebec Explorer* set its sixth record in seven months by having 6,392 riders in May. Thanks to The Rotary, there will soon be bus shelters at The Concourse and at Walmart.

Elery talked with Jack Sutton wants to invite municipal people to grand opening of passenger service in Brunswick. He wants to generate more interest for passenger rail service coming to this area.

**Old Business:**

It is not essential that the Board approve articles in which the writer does not identify himself/herself as a member of SMMC.

**New Business:**

International County/ City Managers Association has done a series of articles on sustainability. Some communities appear to divide sustainability into three categories: economic, social, and environmental. Those communities successful at promoting sustainability have overlap among these 3 areas. Mike sees a connection between what we are doing and this.

Action Item:

Mike: send copies of these articles to Board members

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, August 14 at 8:00 AM** in the **Mayor's Conference Room**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Woods, Coordinator

Elery Keene, Secretary