

Board of Directors Minutes
September 11, 2012
8:00 – 9:30

Members Present: Marilyn Canavan, Doug Carnrick, Sally Harwood, Mike Heavener, Elery Keene, John Reuthe, Mike Roy, Clough Toppan, Linda Woods

Elery motioned to accept the minutes from August. Sally seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Financial Report:

The city account has \$1,343.37. The check from Prepare for the Future has been deposited into the City's account.

There is \$4703.29 in the checkbook. This includes the \$1000 donation from Starbucks and \$3000 from Winslow.

Linda has a copy of the 2011 IRS report.

Efficiency Maine has approved transferring the remaining funds from EECBG to the City account (perhaps in October).

Fund Raising Committee Report:

John Reuthe distributed a copy of the Sustain Mid Maine Residential Energy final report. (This does not cover the district energy program.)

SMMRE did 146 buildings (which converted to 270 units using Efficiency Maine's calculations). This represents an estimated fuel oil savings of over 90,000 gallons a year. The report includes a summary of a job description for a program manager and a proposed annual budget.

Clough & John know that having an incentive is crucial. Clough wondered if we could obtain data that supported the estimates for PACE loans that indicates fuel use goes down accordingly when weatherizations occur. This would substantiate the reason for weatherizing because of annual savings.

If you would like a copy of the report, contact John at jreuthe@waterville-me.gov.

Efficiency Maine has a new program called "residential direct install" that provides some rebates to the auditors who pass this savings along to the home owner. Mike H wondered if SMMRE could connect with this program.

Elery made a motion to continue to support this program. Doug seconded. The vote was unanimous.

This led to a discussion about how to obtain funding for the future. Since SMMC is a non-profit, we are in a better position to apply for future funds.

Mike R motioned that if the chair needs to take action before the next meeting, he is authorized to do so up to \$250. Elery seconded. The vote was unanimous. This can be done via e-mail.

Action Items:

John: look into how to obtain more funding from EMT

Mike H: ask Ken Young for grant writer suggestions

Mike H: find 2 or 3 grant writers to present a proposal to reach this goal

Clough: Send Mike H the name of the potential grant writer from Goodwill

Clough: check into getting information about SMMRE into the *KJ*

Marilyn & Linda: write a press release to summarize this program for *The Sentinel* to be submitted by Mike & Mike

Mike R: contact Amy Calder about featuring one person's story

Linda: send a copy of John's report to Steve & attach to minutes

The Board expressed its thanks and appreciation to John for all that he did with Sustain Mid Maine Residential Energy Program.

Action Items (from May):

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

Coordinator's Report:

Public Outreach:

David at Barrels is going to distribute a smaller version of the "Healthy Helping" flier to gardeners who shop at Barrels.

Communications:

Action Item (left from June):

Marilyn: Write about Blanche & recycling

Education:

The Education Team will be hosting a gathering of area sustainability groups on November 3 at KVCC. Dylan Voorhees of the Natural Resources Council of Maine and the chair of Maine Global Warming Action Coalition will be the key note speaker. If you would like to be part of the planning for this event, the next Education Team meeting is today at 10:00 downstairs at Barrels.

The book discussion group will resume on September 26.

The team will be partnering with the Waterville Public Library (and maybe Colby College) to host a showing of *A Sense of Wonder*, a biopic about Rachel Carson on Wednesday, October 17 at 6:30 PM.

Energy:

The District Energy group continues to explore possible plans. At a recent meeting, Vaughan Woodruff did a presentation outlining a solar hot water program. The next Energy Team meeting is Tuesday, September 18 at 4:00 at KVCC.

Garden:

Linda completed the summary report for the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund. The funds were allocated in the following ways: \$50.00 to Alford Youth Garden, \$509.91 to purchase storage bins for the Local Foods for Local Needs group, \$202.96 to expand Winslow Community Garden, and \$87.13 to enhance the North Street Community Garden. The remaining \$200 can be used for administrative services.

Action Item:

Linda: Contact Mary Grow about writing a piece about the Alford Youth Garden

The Local Food for Local Need will meet Wednesday, September 12 at 1:00 at Winslow Town Office.

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Team:

The Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Team's last meeting focused on how to improve composting at The Taste of Waterville. They are helping to promote the new, improved Skills' web site: www.skillsrecycling.org. Their next meeting is Thursday, September 13 at noon at Yin Juan.

Transportation Team:

The Transportation Team is planning a presentation to the City Council on sustainable transportation possibilities in Waterville. The tentative date is November 20.

Jim Wood reports that the *Kennebec Explorer* finished the fiscal year with 65,000 riders which is a 45% increase. KVCAP is acquiring the Go Maine vans and hoping to continue the commuter service using their schedule.

The next Transportation Team meeting is Thursday, September 20 at 4:30 at KVCOG.

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, October 9 at 8:00 AM** in the **Mayor's Conference Room**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Woods, Coordinator

Elery Keene, Secretary

