

Education Team Meeting
September 11, 2012
10:00-11:15

Members Present: Bill Basford, Marilyn Canavan, Melissa Hackett, Kate Newkirk, Elery Keene, Jim Murphy, Bonnie Sammons, Linda Woods

New Business:

The Education Team & the **Waterville Public Library** will be holding a showing of *A Sense of Wonder*, a biopic about Rachel Carson on **Wednesday, October 17 at 6:30**. We hope to have a discussion after facilitated by a Colby professor.

Sarah Sugden (Waterville librarian) would like us to collaborate on a Phenology Initiative. This would be a formal examination of changes in the environment. Bonnie will take the lead on this. ☺

Old Business:

We are holding a sustainability gathering on November 3.

We can use Cater Hall, Rm. 105 (a lecture hall) & 5 accompanying classrooms. Dana Doran can arrange a tour of his facility in the afternoon. This room holds 200 people, so that is the maximum number of attendees.

Dylan Voorhees (of the Natural Resources Council of Maine & the head of Maine Global Warming Action Coalition) will be the keynote speaker.

Action Item:

Linda: contact Dylan—the focus of his speech should be the relationship between of economics and sustainability (e.g., buying & producing local, shipping by rail, weatherization); returning to a local economy

We have \$500 to spend on food. (This will accommodate 100 people. If we go over that number, we need to find more funding.) We will serve soup, bread, cheese, & an apple from Barrels for lunch. The invitation to the event will say, “To help defray waste, please bring your own water bottle, cup, soup spoon & bowl.” Pitchers of water will be available throughout the event.

We need to have paper goods (bowls, plates, napkins, cups). Donated?

Action Items:

Linda: Find someone to pick up the food at Barrels & deliver it to KVCC
Find (hopefully LHS) people to serve the food & do the clean up
Borrow bowls, cups, spoons & pitchers from church
Check KVCC to for tables, outlets & sound system
Arrange for a donation of coffee/tea from Starbucks

Melissa: Bring extension cords

New Decisions about November 3:

- Name of event: Sharing Sustainability: Building Resilient Communities
- Tentative Schedule
 - 8:15-8:55 register (pre-register via email; get name tags [anything else?])
 - 9:00-9:45 key note speaker (30 minutes followed by 15 minutes Q & A)
 - 9:45-10:00 break (serve coffee/tea & more?)
 - 10:00-11:30 panel
 - 11:30-12:30 lunch
 - 12:30-2:30 break out sessions
 - 2:30-3:00 report back
 - 3:00 tour of KVCC

This needs to be refined at the next meeting.

- Who to invite & how

Jim suggested distributing a flier at the Common Ground Fair to potential guests.

Action Item:

Adam: Make a flier

Linda: Print & bring these to next meeting

We need to make phone contact with each town on KVCOG list.

Action Items:

Linda: Outline the highlights of the phone conversation

Linda: Send Marilyn's invitation with minutes

Bonnie, Kate, Marilyn, Melissa: Contact people on the list (hopefully before the next meeting)

Jim has a list of every Transition Town and contact person. He will contact each group and invite 1 or 2 representatives (or all team leaders) from each group.

Action Items:

Jim: Contact Alastair Lough & ask him to invite Transition leaders

Jim: Contact KVCC to see how many people the room will accommodate

Jim: Contact those on the Transition Team list

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 18** at **10:00** at Barrels.

Agenda for the next meeting:

- Finalize schedule
 - amount of time for the report back?
 - Keep to the "big success" and "don't bother."

- Topics for break-out groups (to align with the 5 teams of SMMC?)?
How to divide the participants into groups?
 - Linda: ask Dana: How many on a tour at once? Time: 11:30-12:30 or 3:00?
 - Panel participants
have one representative of each area:
(names in parentheses are suggestions/nothing definite was decided):
education (Jesse Pyles, Susan MacKenzie, Lia Morris, Chris Rhoda)
energy (Dana Doran [also education], Bo Jespersen [residential], Ken Fletcher,
Tom Tietenberg)
local foods (Glen Cummings [also education], Kate Newkirk)
recycling (Chris Martin, Ross Nason)
transportation (John Melrose, Elery Keene)
- Include someone to speak of
sustainable economics (John Joseph, Slow Money rep)
climate change (Alder Stone Fuller)
Unity's success (John Piotti)
Transition Towns (Alastair Lough)
- Consider offering several options in the 3:00 slot:
KVCC tour
Bill's demotorizing presentation
Skills tour
Walk the Benton Trail

Important Suggestion (copied here, so I won't forget): Get a copy of Goodwill history film