

**Board of Directors Minutes**  
**November 13, 2012**  
**8:00 – 9:15**

**Members Present:** Marilyn Canavan, Sally Harwood, Mike Heavener, John Joseph, Elery Keene, Clough Toppan, Linda Woods

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

**Financial Report:**

The city account has \$1565.98.

There is \$2790.08 in the checkbook. This includes a \$50 donation to cover refreshments for November 3, a \$33.28 donation from the UU Church of Waterville, and \$51.50 from Sharing Sustainability donations. Linda has not paid Barrels yet for November 3, and \$500 is committed for the annual meeting.

Linda paid the Chamber of Commerce dues with a donation from John Joseph.

**Fund Raising Committee Report:**

Mike contacted several grant writers about securing funds to move forward with the residential energy program. He presented a copy of the one proposal he has received. He will continue talking with other potential grant writers.

Clough outlined the current Efficiency Maine rebate program.

Elery suggested looking into an Economic Development Administration grant.

The discussion focused on how to obtain funds.

Action Item:

Marilyn: contact Chellie Pingree's office to see what funds might be available

**Coordinator's Report:**

Public Outreach:

Over 80 people attended portions of Sharing Sustainability: Building Resilient Communities at KVCC on November 3. Approximately 12 people attended the Rachel Carson movie at the library. The majority of both audiences were not SMMC people.

Communications:

Two vimeos created by the students of Mid Maine Technical Center are posted on SMMC's Facebook page. These will soon be available on the web site.

Amy Calder featured a story about 2 residents' positive experiences with SMMREP. The article and an accompanying picture made the front page. This is posted on the web site.

**Transportation Team:**

The Transportation Team will be speaking to the Waterville City Council on November 20. They are also attending a comprehensive planning committee meeting in Fairfield.

At each of these, they will be speaking on behalf of SMMC to voice the importance of public transit and bike/pedestrian friendly land use.

Several of the team members will be attending a Maine Rail Group meeting that includes a ride on the *Downeaster* from Portland to Brunswick.

The next Transportation Team meeting is Thursday, November 15 at 4:00.

Action Item:

Linda: Contact Karen Heck about the Maine Rail Group offer

**Local Foods:**

John summarized his idea for a dairy center to be located in Waterville-Winslow area.

This would connect with the concept of a food hub that is being researched. Mike added a summary of a Mobilize Maine meeting he attended.

Action Item:

Mike: send John the date of the Mobilize Maine meeting

**Energy Team:**

Vaughan Woodruff did a presentation about residential solar hot water. They are also discussing compressed gas and photovoltaics. The next Energy Team meeting is Tuesday, November 13 at 4:00 at KVCC.

**Old Business:**

The Education Team's planning committee put in approximately 150 hours to organize Sharing Sustainability: Building Resilient Communities. The group would like to make this an annual event and has met to discuss various changes for improvement. The next Education Team meeting is Tuesday, November 27 at 11:30 at Barrels Community Market.

**New Business:**

Linda has booked the City Council Chambers for January 12's annual meeting.

Linda suggested having Alastair Lough speak at the annual meeting. He is the founder of the Maine Transition Town movement. She presented a handout summarizing the journey to becoming a Transition Town. Having SMMC become part of the Transition Town movement was discussed.

Action Item:

Linda: Contact Alastair for more literature about Transition Towns

The Education Team would like to present information gleaned from the Sharing Sustainability focus groups. These groups aligned with each of our teams and were facilitated by SMMC team members.

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, December 11 at 8:00 AM** in the **Mayor's Conference Room**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Woods, Coordinator

Elery Keene, Secretary