

Education Team
March 11, 2013
8:30-10:00

Members Present: Jane Edwards, Melissa Hackett, Robert Gorrill, Elery Keene, Jim Murphy, Bonnie Sammons, Linda Woods

Jane told about the creation of an Abrupt Climate Change Public Policy Team that was recently approved by the Board. An announcement about its first meeting will be forthcoming. (NOTE: The first meeting will be Monday, March 25 at 6:30 in the downstairs meeting room of the Waterville Public Library.)

Colby will be having many activities during Earth Week (April 15-27). FMI: Check the Colby web site. (The meeting I had with the Colby student indicated that times and places were still undetermined. The schedule remains as I showed you.)

Historical purpose of Earth Day: to educate people about current threats to earth & what can we do about these threats.

Title of Team's Earth Day: Let's Look at Our Earth in a Different Way (not a celebration but raising awareness & rethinking)

After much discussion, it was decided to set up a table for Earth Day at a local store on **April 22** from **10:00-4:00**. We will distribute reusable shopping bags, SMMC brochures, schedule of events (SMMC & other groups), a list of simple ways to reduce, articles about climate change, a bibliography of movies and books, and more. There will be a sheet to sign up to volunteer for SMMC.

Action Items:

Bonnie: Check with various stores to arrange for tabling

Jane: Bring table

Linda: Ask for other helpers

Everyone: Send articles to each other for vetting

Linda: Get the NRCM map

Everyone: Send Jane a list of appropriate titles of movies & books

Jane: Create a bibliography of movies & books

Linda: Send a list of movies to Jane

Linda: Bring the SMMC banner

Jim: Write a synopsis of abrupt climate change

Linda: List other area Earth Day activities in the April Events e-blast.

Schedule for April 22:

10-12 Bonnie & Linda

12-2 Jim & Robert?

2-4 Jane, Elery, Melissa

Elery summarized a presentation by Ken Fletcher at Rotary Club. (Ken is the former Energy Policy Director and member of SMMC's Energy Team.)

Summary of Ken's presentation: Compared Maine's situation to other states in both positive (reduced consumption in 10 years) and concerned ways (use more heating oil than other states & don't produce, so money leaves the state).

Action Item:

Linda: Invite Ken to do the presentation for SMMC members

This led to a discussion about holding an event (speaker, movie, book discussion) on a regular basis.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 16 at Barrels at 8:30.**

Agenda:

Prioritize projects list from annual meeting

Finalize Earth Day

Plan Learning Circles

Discuss on-going series of educational activities