

Education Team
May 21, 2013
8:30-9:45

Members Present: Melissa Hackett, Robert Gorrill, Elery Keene, Bonnie Sammons, Linda Woods

Elery summarized a meeting the Climate Change Policy Team had with Ken Fletcher to explain the proposed natural gas district. He also told about several hearings he attended.

Robert and a few friends are looking into starting a garden at the Homeless Shelter.

Bonnie shared books from her permaculture course. She spoke of controlling nature through resilience. Robert's school has begun a forest garden.

Action Items:

Consider hosting an introductory permaculture program

Melissa: Find the address New Forest Institute people

Robert told of a March Against Monsanto in Portland on Saturday. If you are interested, meet at 2:00 in Monument Square. Educational programs will be offered in the morning at the Portland Farmers Market.

At a team leaders meeting, each team was asked to prioritize its list of projects from the annual meeting.

This is the original list.

17. Increase awareness of the loss of heat from residences
32. Mobilize Students to Keep Maine Warm
33. Promote Weatherization
34. Educate for Energy Sustainability
58. Educate for food sustainability and security
59. Educate on abrupt climate change
61. Convene and connect coalitions of like-minded groups in order to coordinate our efforts and processes
62. Conduct learning circles on topics related to sustainability
63. Promote awareness and appreciation of the natural resources in central Maine
64. Develop an information and referral service for sustainability issues (use SMMC website as foundation)
65. Collaborate among higher education institutions to provide research support for critical projects.
75. Raise cultural awareness about excessive consumption
76. Help the other objective groups with their outreach
 - + Hold Earth Day activities

Our revised list:

Educate for sustainability: abrupt climate change, energy conservation, weatherization, food sustainability & security, excessive consumption, appreciation of the natural resources in central Maine

Vehicles to do complete the above:

Convene and connect coalitions of like-minded groups in order to coordinate our efforts and processes

Conduct learning circles on topics related to sustainability

Hold Earth Day activities

Linda is looking for people to staff the SMMC booth at The Taste of Waterville. Save the date: Wednesday, August 7. More details will be forthcoming.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, June 18 at 8:30 at Barrels Community Market.**

Agenda:

Concrete steps to implement the revised project list: learning circles

Review Earth Day tabling procedures