

Board of Directors Minutes
June 13, 2013
8:00 – 9:45

Members Present: Jane Edwards, Marilyn Canavan, Doug Carnrick, Mike Heavener, Elery Keene, Clough Toppan, Linda Woods

Elery motioned to accept the minutes from May. Marilyn seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Financial Report:

The city account has \$4066.44.

There is \$1886.47 in the checkbook.

Fundraising:

No report was presented.

Coordinator's Report:

Public Outreach:

Linda distributed SMMC brochures at National Trails Day on June 1 in Winslow.

The New England Grassroots Environmental Fund will be featuring SMMC in an upcoming newsletter.

Communications:

The team leaders met with Norm Anderson, Jennifer Kierstead, and Mike Kelly from Running Start Institute to discuss the proposal for another Catalyst with a focus on developing a regional strategy to prepare and adapt for climate change. The discussion led to forming a sub committee to be called Mid Maine Climate Adaptation Working Group.

A discussion occurred about whether individuals can state they represent SMMC when speaking to their legislators. It is appropriate to say we are members of SMMC but are not necessarily representing the organization.

Climate Change Policy:

Attendance has been good at these team meetings. In May, Ken Fletcher spoke to team about the proposed energy district. An e-mail discussion followed. They are following various bills in the legislature. The next meeting is Monday, June 24 at 6:30 at the Waterville Public Library.

Education:

The Education Team is working on creating learning circles to educate about various topics of concern. They will be staffing the SMMC booth at The Taste of Waterville on August 7. The next Education Team meeting is Tuesday, June 18 at 8:30 at Barrels.

Energy Team:

Mike summarized the changes that have occurred with the Energy Team. They studied multiple possibilities for creating a district energy plan and completed a study of area commercial and residential energy consumption. After exhaustive studying, natural gas became the best option for district energy use. Eventually a new group comprised of various representatives of the Waterville Development Corp, Waterville, Winslow, the Chamber of Commerce, and SMMC Energy Team was formed. Greg Hale served as chair of this group. They presented a proposal to the legislature that was defeated. Since this development, they have not met. The team is currently in flux.

Local Foods for Local Needs:

The Local Foods Team has 3 groups working on separate issues. On May 23 the storage and distribution sub committees of the Local Foods for Local Needs met at the new food distribution hub, a former Huhtamaki warehouse located off Armory Road. Big plans are in the works to provide space & infrastructure to start-up home businesses. The funds generated this way will be used to defray costs of this food hub.

Another group is trying to create a network of farms to provide locally grown food in schools and nursing homes. The next meeting of this group looking to increase locally grown food is June 25 at 3:30 at KVCOG.

North St., Moor St., and Winslow Community Gardens are full; 7 of 10 are full in Oakland.

RX4 Team:

The RX4 Team is trying to find cooperate funding for materials and coordinators for the composting project at The Taste of Waterville. They are also working with the City of Waterville to research various options for continued residential recycling since Skills will no longer be providing that service. Their next meeting is June 19 at Mainely Brews at noon.

Transportation Team:

About 30 people walked on the East Kennebec Trail on National Trails Day. Funds have been secured to make the Benton Rotary Trail wheelchair accessible. Jim is getting ready to do revision of the bus schedules with expanded hours (6AM-8PM) once the new hospital is opened. Several members are working to add bike/ped items to the Waterville Comprehensive Plans. Their next meeting is June 20 at 4:00 at KVCOG.

Old Business:

Elery motioned to extend Board terms until January 1, 2015 for Mike Roy, Marilyn Canavan, and Doug Carnrick. Clough seconded. The vote was unanimous.

New Business:

Jane proposed having the Climate Change Public Policy Team invite members of the legislature to share their legislative experiences and visions from their perspective. The purpose for this is to improve and develop relationships between area legislators and SMMC. When this event occurs, all members of SMMC will be invited to attend.

A discussion followed about the frequency of holding these meetings.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Woods, Coordinator

Elery Keene, Secretary