

Board of Directors Minutes
October 13, 2013
8:00 –9:30

Members and Guest Present: Doug Carnrick, Marilyn Canavan, Jane Edwards (guest), Sally Harwood, Mike Heavener, Elery Keene, Ross Nason (guest), Mike Roy, Clough Toppan, Linda Woods

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

Financial Report:

The city account has \$3,131.79

There is \$5,780.47 in the checkbook.

This includes a \$3000 donation from the Prepare for the Future Fund that will be used for the coordinator's salary, a \$1000 donation from Unity College that will be used for scholarships for Climate Adaptation Facts: A Briefing for Kennebec River Valley Communities, and several registration fees for this event.

Karl Foss from Jim Nicholson's office has filed our taxes, and the filing bill has been paid.

Linda received a bill to renew the Chamber of Commerce dues. It was suggested that Linda contact the previous donor to see if he will fund this.

Linda submitted a grant request to Inland Hospital for funds to expand the North St. Community Garden and to build a garden at the Mid Maine Homeless Shelter. The results will be announced in December.

Coordinator's Report:

Public Outreach:

The second Sustain Mid Maine Coalition column appeared in *The Sentinel* on October 8 and focused on Climate Adaptation Facts: A Briefing for Kennebec River Valley Communities. It was written by Ross Nason & Jennifer Kierestead. The November column will be done by Mike Kelly.

The meeting scheduled with members of Congresswoman Pingree's staff was postponed due to sequestration. No new date has been scheduled.

Communications:

The team leaders met on October 9. Their next meeting is November 14 at 10:00 in the IT Room at Waterville City Hall. Members of the Board of Directors are invited to attend.

Mike Heavener, Elery Keene, Mike Kelly, & Linda Woods met with area sustainability coordinators on September 30 at 9:00 in the Winslow Town Office. Kevin Bright of Colby, Heather Halsey the new coordinator at KVCC, and Dana Doran attended.

Linda has devoted a lot of time to tasks related to Climate Adaptation Facts: A Briefing for Kennebec River Valley Communities.

Mid Maine Climate Adaptation Working Group:

Linda summarized the plans as they currently exist. A discussion was held about how to increase attendance for this event.

Climate Change Policy Team:

All Board members and team leaders are invited to October 28 at 6:30 at the Winslow Public Library to a meet with area legislators to establish communication.

Education:

Members of the Education Team will be assisting with the briefing on November 2 as well as with the RX4 Team's composting workshops. The next meeting will be October 17 at 8:45 at Barrels Community Market.

Energy Team:

Mike H talked to Dana Doran and Tom Tietenberg about becoming the team leader of the residential Energy Team, but both are unavailable at this time. Mike H summarized the creation of the Kennebec Valley Natural Gas District. Prior to this district's development, Mike R & Mike H are looking into ways to help residents reduce their fossil fuel consumption. The Energy Team could be the leaders on this.

Action Item:

Mike: Contact Kevin Bright

Local Foods:

This group met with Rosie Vanadestine, the new director at KVCOG. Work is continuing on a long term project to connect producers and consumers (institutions, schools & hospitals). They issued a survey to see what institutional needs are to receive local foods and will be working through fall/winter to "solve" these issues. Members of our food committee are participating with KVCOG on this initiative. The next meeting is October 23 at 3:00 at KVCOG.

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Team:

Christian Savage is coordinating the printing of the signs for the waste and recycling stations at The Taste. They are looking into the concept of a swap shop in Waterville. Geoff Hill will be offering a composting workshop tentatively scheduled for November 9 at North St. Community Garden. Other workshops will follow. Their next meeting is November 6 at noon at Pad Thai, Too.

Transportation Team:

A *Kennebec Explorer* schedule revision will add additional commuter routes in conjunction with the new hospital. The new schedule will have better linkage between Waterville & Augusta. The new bus maps will include the trail heads, and the new trail maps will include the bus stops. They are continuing to try to establish park & rides throughout the area. Their next meeting is October 24 at 3:30 at KVCOG.

New Business:

Ross requested that KVCOG be listed as a major sponsor on the SMMC web site and other publications. Sally motioned to approve this request. Mike R seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Action Item:

Mike H: Reconvene the Fundraising Committee to discuss an annual fundraising drive

Jane distributed a copy of the SMMC vision statement that was written at the Catalyst in January 2009 and updated in January 2013. The Climate Change Policy Team has been evaluating various policies in light of this mission statement that indicates that we would “reduce our carbon footprint and our use of fossil fuels by more than 50% since 2009.” Elery summarized the team’s work to create a “Policy Statement Regarding Climate Change and High Carbon Fuels” that was distributed to the Board. A discussion followed about this policy statement.

Action Item:

Mike R: Contact Steve Erario about the report that he authored

The next regular meeting will be **Thursday, November 14 at 8:00 AM** in the **Mayor’s Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Woods, Coordinator

Elery Keene, Secretary