

Board of Directors Minutes
November 14, 2013
8:00 –9:30

Members Present: Marilyn Canavan, Jane Edwards, Sally Harwood, Elery Keene, Mike Roy, Clough Toppan, Linda Woods

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

Financial Report:

The city account has \$1, 331.20. (Note correction: The actual balance as of November 12 was \$1,719.96.)

There is \$5496.73 in the checkbook.

The finances for the Climate Adaptation Briefing have not been finalized; however, no SMMC funds will be used.

Coordinator's Report:

Public Outreach:

Approximately 100 people attended Climate Adaptation Facts: A Briefing for Kennebec River Valley Communities. Amy Calder covered this event, so an article appeared in *The Sentinel* on November 3. Mike Kelly wrote a follow-up article that appeared in SMMC's column in *The Sentinel* on November 12. You can read both articles on the SMMC web site. Aaron Rowden covered it for *The Townline*, but the publication date is uncertain. Jane & Elery staffed the SMMC table, and we added 10 new contacts.

Linda tabled at the Kennebec Region Farming Open House & Forum in Winslow and distributed SMMC literature and reusable bags.

Linda attended the Climate Change Policy Team's meeting with area representatives and gave each one a bag with a brochure inside.

Communications:

The team leaders will meet on December 5 at 8:00 in the Winslow Town Office. Members of the Board of Directors are invited to attend.

Mid Maine Climate Adaptation Working Group:

The planning committee seemed pleased with attendance at the Climate Adaptation Facts: A Briefing for Kennebec River Valley Communities. KVCC is the ideal location for this type of event. The speakers were informative and well received by the audience. Most of the feedback has been positive. Approximately 20 students from Colby College, Unity College, and the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences attended. Twenty-one SMMC members were present. Maine Academy of Natural Sciences was contracted to provide a lunch of local foods. The event was streamed. A DVD will be available for purchase. At the group's next meeting on November 21, they will be evaluating the event. They will also be planning for an afternoon session that will focus on Energy. No date has been determined.

Action Item:

Linda: List Laura Guite & Unity College as sponsors

Climate Change Policy Team:

Jane & Elery presented a draft of their article for the SMMC column for December. (See attached.) They summarized the meeting with area legislators. Their next meeting is November 25 at 6:30 at the Winslow Public Library.

Action Items:

Everyone: Read & respond to the draft before November 20. Please cc all Board members. (You will receive a final draft at a later date.)

Jane, Elery, Clough: Write a follow-up article due to Linda by January 6

Education:

The Education Team will meet November 21 at 8:45 at Barrels Community Market. Heather Halsey the sustainability coordinator at KVCC is planning to attend this meeting with a suggestion for a future activity.

Energy Team:

No one present had any knowledge about the status of the SMMC Energy Team. There was a discussion about the status of the Energy Team.

Action Items:

Linda: Put "Discuss Energy Team" on December agenda & invite members of the team to the Board meeting

Linda & Mike R: Create a list of who to invite

The Natural Gas Municipal Advisory Committee will meet on November 20 at 4:00 in Waterville City Council Chambers. This is a public meeting.

Local Foods:

The Local Foods Team did not meet in October. They are trying to create a survey to determine whether local institutions are able to use local produce.

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Team:

Geoff Hill planned to lead the first of a series of composting workshops on November 9, but there was confusion that interfered with this. Future collaborative workshops are planned. The Team is also looking into creating a Swap Shop in Waterville. Their next meeting is December 4 at noon at Jin Yuan.

Action Item:

Linda: Remind them of their plan to create an Energy Star for Businesses

Transportation Team:

The Transportation Team did not meet in October. Their next meeting is November 21 at 4:00 at KVCOG. Peter Garrett has arranged for a joint meeting between the Transportation Team and the Active Community Environment group to see what joint ventures can be accomplished.

Old Business:

Linda distributed a copy of the Finances Projects List that was created at the 2013 annual meeting. We discussed the possibility of federal grants. It is important to be thinking of what we need for finances in the future. It was suggested that we try to connect with businesses.

The next regular meeting will be **Thursday, December 12 at 9:00 AM** in the **Mayor's Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Woods, Coordinator

Elery Keene, Secretary