

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Team

December 4, 2013

Noon

People Present: Geoff Hill, Elery Keene, Ross Nason, Christian Savage, Linda Woods

We discussed the next Backyard Composting demonstration. Tentative date: either February 12 or 19 from 4 to 6. Including refreshments might increase attendance.

Action Items:

Linda: talk to Heather about combining with a program she might be having

Linda: talk to Melissa about holding this at Barrels, as a fall-back place

Ross wondered what happened to the recycling signs that were at Skills.

Action Item:

Geoff: Check at Skills for the signs

Christian reported that Ken Stevens seemed interested in the swap shop idea, but his situation is uncertain. The City has agreed to pick up any residuals.

Action Item:

Ross: Check with Salvation Army

Ross summarized the potential use of the former Public Works compound in Winslow. A recycling company out of Vassalboro may be taking over Winslow's recycling.

SMMC has made a name for itself, so now is the time for "the Green Seal" program. Christian discovered that the state has a program that has been available for a while. He has a bank that is a potential sponsor for the program. The program could be a collaborative between SMMC, Chamber of Commerce, and Efficiency Maine. It would include an energy audit and a workspace recycling program. Door stickers will indicate those who meet the standards. Christian needs to submit a proposal that will serve as the groundwork for this program. Funds could be used to buy recycling totes. Pricing is still undetermined.

Ross offered suggestions for this program.

Action Item:

Christian: Create an outline to bring to the bank

Elery summarized the article that will appear in the SMMC column that will be printed on December 12.

Mike Stoddard from **Efficiency Maine** will be speaking at the **Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on December 12** from **7:15 to 9 am** at **Thomas College's Oak Room**. The cost is \$14 for chamber members and \$20 for the general public. FMI: Contact Kim at <Kimberly@MidMaineChamber.com>

The next meeting will be **Thursday, January 9** at **noon** at Michelina's (the former George's Restaurant on Union St.).