

## Education

April 17, 2014

8:30

**Members & Guests Present:** Robert Gorrill, Ernie Grolimund (guest), Elery Keene, John Reuthe (guest), Bonnie Sammons, Alexander West, Linda Woods

The first Learning Circle was postponed due to lack of responses. We are going to try to get the word out better for the next one.

Elery summarized *Years of Living Dangerously*, a movie that he saw at Dick Thomas's house with 350 Central Maine.

### Action Item:

Linda: Contact Dick for potential names & ask if the film is still available

Robert & Alexander met with Betty, the director of Homeless Shelter. They looked around the grounds to determine placement for trees & bushes and vertical raised beds for Phase I. Phase II will be determined next year. They ordered lumber from Tukey's and will be starting Sow It Forward's seeds soon. They need a reliable source of compost, mulch and garden tools.

### Action Items:

Alexander: Find a vehicle to use

Linda & Alexander: met May 2 at 8:45 at Swazey Building to go to Fedco Tree Sale

Robert: Send the slide show to Linda to forward

Linda: Contact Betty about the mulch source; send this to Robert & Alexander

Linda: Add to May e-blast request for donated tools or funds to pay for tools

Linda: Contact Harry Bonish about tools

Linda: Contact Jeff Bragg to introduce Alexander & Robert

Robert & Alexander: Check for a storage place for tools

Robert & Alexander: send Linda a comprehensive list of tools by April 28

Bonnie is writing the next SMMC column about permaculture. It should be in *The Sentinel* on May 13.

Robert reported that there is a March Against Monsanto on May 24 at 2:00. Meet at Monument Square in Portland.

John reported that SMMC closed on a contract with Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT). It is a one year contract with a second year renewable.

- The focus is on public outreach using our original project as a pilot to expand to become sustainable over 10 years. It includes Fairfield and other areas around the gas pipeline.
- John needs help developing training programs to make this program work, and he needs a significant number of volunteers. A team of 10 certified volunteers will go into homes to do

energy consultations. These people have to be vetted. Interpersonal skills are the most important. Goal: for each volunteer to do 4 homes a month

- Working to develop financial incentives with EMT
- At the end of this project, John is hoping to find a successor.
- He hopes the Education Team will help to develop a curriculum to Train the Trainers

Action Item:

John: Send a copy of the application to Bonnie

John recommends *Fostering Sustainable Behavior: Introduction to Community Based Marketing*

Ernie summarized the troubles he is experiencing reaching people with his concern about wood smoke. Linda suggested that Ernie prepare a power point presentation of approximately 10 slides to be accompanied by a 20 minute talk. Once this presentation has been vetted by the Education Team, Linda would arrange for a date/time/place for it to be offered to the public.

The next meeting is **Thursday, May 22 at 8:30 AM at Barrels Community Market** (subject to Melissa's approval).

Agenda:

Report on the garden from Alexander West

Update from John Reuthe

Update from Ernie Grolimund