

RX4 Minutes
May 18, 2010
12:30-2:30

Members Present: Marian Flaherty, Tom Longstaff, Bob Gilchrist, Blanche Davison, Geoff Hill, Lass Van Appen, Ross Nason, Linda Woods

1. There is concern that the Skills Program might have to close due to lack of materials.
 - It is a labor intensive activity, and personnel is expensive.
 - Other areas form consortiums to handle recycling.
 - The upfront costs might keep the city from becoming involved.
2. Blanche showed a canvas bag as a model for the canvas bag project.
 - Being sold at Hannaford's in Damariscotta for \$2.00
 - Available at other places as well
 - Has sponsors from various organizations
 - Done by Lincoln Academy Climate Action Club
 - Have sold 1700 since November 2009
 - It took 2 years to get this project together.
 - Linda wondered about printing the donors' logos for free.
 - **Action Step:** Blanche will contact Hannaford's corporate headquarters and the local managers.
 - **Action Step:** Tom will contact Kevin Joseph from Joseph's Market.
3. Ross brought other samples.
 - Geoff is pleased that many people bring their bags.
 - Tom is glad for the "Did you remember your bag?" sign.
4. Thoughts about a plan of action:
 - Ross: Ask "Would you be willing to contribute toward this project?"
 - Give away some & sell some at cost.
 - Tom: Do a Buy One/Get One Free
 - Blanche: No extra work for merchant
 - Not necessarily a money-raising activity
 - Tom thinks that businesses will be interested.
 - Ross would like to get \$10,000 sponsorship.
5. Geoff: What about putting money into a fund to start a recycling program in Waterville? He thinks the only way to have recycling is through a non-profit.
 - This is contingent on Skills dissolving.
 - Also could help Skills revive.
 - Need to better educate the public about the importance of recycling
 - Tom: use Channel 7 to have an announcement about recycling
 - Linda: Maybe Colby student will do a video

- Bob: someone from Colby followed the waste stream. Maybe we could use that on Channel 7.
 - Tom: need to do more on hazardous waste
 - Action Step: Linda will put the hazardous waste brochure at Barrels, library, City Hall.
 - Tom: If it has info about expired prescriptions, it should go to Rite Aide & CVS. Linda will check and make these available. **Note: The brochure does not have anything about prescriptions. Sorry. If someone has that info, I might be able to add it to future printings.**
6. Marian questioned whether we should help Skills become more efficient.
- **Action Step:** Geoff will put up signs and samples at Skills.
 - Lass: The Winslow one has clear designations.
7. Linda: to help Barrels celebrate their first anniversary (June 17-19) show *Tapped*
- Blanche & Ross will facilitate.
 - Thursday, June 17 at Barrels at 5:30
 - **Action Step:** Linda will get the movie and finalize these plans with David. Once this is complete, she will e-mail the team.

The next meeting is **Wednesday, June 2 at 12:30 PM at Midnight Blues.**