

Education Team
November 17, 2010
5:30 PM

Members Present: Elery Keene, Iver Lofving, Jim Shipsky, Linda Woods

1. Past accomplishments for both the public and the schools

Skowhegan High School: recycling, composting, starting a garden near the school, working with Jobs for Maine Graduates to get an agricultural major, Green Day

Lawrence High School: recycling, 10-10-10 for 350.org, Bulldog Closet, annual assembly, various timely events

SMMC Events completed:

- Green Expo
- Food & Garden Series
- *Food, Inc., Tapped*
- Bill: “Cost-Effective Energy Upgrades” & “Day Lighting”
- Float in Holiday Parade

UU Church: Gaining on Green, combined with the Waterville Congregational Church to collect “green” cleaning products for the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter

2. Future educational programs for both the public and the schools

What excites you? What do you want to work on?

- have connections at LHS, MHS, SHS, Hall School, Winslow Elem.
- Problem: getting through to teachers because Linda’s messages go to junk mail; How to get the word out to the public about potential programs?
- Skowhegan Transition Town is showing movies. Iver will send the info to Linda to send to Catalyst e-mail.
- Jim spoke of the Fire Souls from Sweden, a group of “circuit riders” (people who realize the problem speak to the issue).
- Elery mentioned a potential speaker: Dr. Dan Hussey daniel.hussey@nist.gov
Elery has contacted him.
- Jamie will talk about the solar panel and maybe about PCB in microwaveable containers.
- Elery will contact Greg Fletcher (KVCC professor) about a presentation on solar power.
- Bill wrote: Is there any interest in doing a workshop about building indoor storm windows? Or is there any interest in doing some adult ed classes about the most cost effective energy savings upgrades for home heating systems? There was a discussion about whether this is beneficial or whether it contributes to urban sprawl.
- Jim suggested examining towns’ zoning laws to check for sustainable practices.
- Jim mentioned Jim Merkel as a potential speaker.

3. Request for a new team leader
4. The next meeting is **December 16 at 5:30 in the Mayor's Conference Room.**
Assignment: Bring a friend & contact info for educational presentations.

Send also to Elery, Sally, Lass, Sue Morrill, Jim Shipsky

At one point you expressed interest in being on Sustain Mid Maine's Education team. Maybe you signed up at the Catalyst; maybe you have attended a prior team meeting; maybe you told me you are interested in providing educational opportunities for people in this area. Regardless of how your name got on this mailing list, **the Education Team needs YOU.**

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 17 at 5:30 in the Mayor's Conference Room of Waterville City Hall.**

Please come to discuss what you personally think should be a focus area of our team.