

**Board of Directors Minutes**  
**June 12, 2012**  
**8:00 – 9:30**

**Members Present:** Marilyn Canavan, Doug Carnrick, Sally Harwood, Mike Heavener, Elery Keene, Linda Woods

Elery motioned to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Sally seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**Financial Report:**

The city account has \$1467.92. After the May meeting, Linda transferred \$2700 from the checkbook to the City of Waterville.

After July 1, Winslow will be making a \$3000 donation.

Action Item:

Linda & Mike R: Write a letter of request to the anonymous donor for a matching grant

There is \$1499.62 in the checkbook. Some of this is designated for gardens from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund. We have received \$466.10 as memorial gifts for Blanche Davison. The following will be posted on the web site: "Number of donations totaling amount in memory of Blanche."

Linda made arrangements with Karl Foss of Jim Nicholson's office to complete the filing with the IRS. We have a June deadline.

Action Item:

Linda: Remind Karl to send us a copy

**Fund Raising Committee Report:**

The Fund Raising Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

Action Item:

Mike H: Contact John Joseph

Linda: Check with Kim about holding a 50-50 raffle at The Taste

Linda: If this is approved, buy tickets (need to have place to write place for name & phone)

Mike H: Contact Winslow branch of Bangor Savings about a meeting for both branches

**Coordinator's Report:**

Recent activities to support the Board's action plan:

Public Outreach:

*The Sentinel* published an article about local foods written by Bonnie Sammons and an article about transportation needs for seniors written by Chris Huck. Both are available on the SMMC web site.

*The Townline* has not published anything that we know of.

Action Items:

Marilyn: Write about Blanche & recycling

Linda: Call Lyn

Communications:

The SMMC web site expired, but Steve Erario paid to have it renewed.

Linda went through the raffle tickets and added 37 new names to our e-mail list.

Linda sent a sympathy card signed “Board of Directors of SMMC” to Blanche Davison’s family.

**Education:**

The Education Team continues to write its mission statement in an effort to determine its purpose.

**Energy:**

The district energy facility goal is to create a plan for a multi-fuel capable facility. This team is confirming the accuracy of the numbers gathered to determine the distribution of energy use.

**Garden:**

On May 23, *The Sentinel* printed a brief about garden plot availability in Oakland and Winslow. This generated 2 phone calls: one filled North St; the second was for a plot in Winslow. On May 26, they printed the same info as a letter to the editor, but there were no other responses.

Mary Dunn has resigned as the manager of the Oakland Community Garden. Tom Poulin has taken her place. Four of the ten plots are spoken for.

An update on the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund: Linda paid \$500 for the Alford Youth Center Garden and \$102.96 to Tukey’s for materials to increase the Winslow Community Garden. Mary Dunn will receive \$100 for her summer youth garden. North St. will be using some for a perennial bed. Kim Hawkes planned to use some of the funds to build gardens for seniors, but this didn’t work out. As of right now, there is \$700 unclaimed from this grant. Some can be used for administration.

Action Items:

Linda: Check to see if Oakland will announce plot availability in tax bill

Linda: Check with Clough to see if Vassalboro is looking for community garden funds

Linda: Check with NEGF about using the funds for food storage

Sally reported that the food committee is meeting with managers of local food pantries and meal programs. They are challenged by a reduction in funds and government food donations. The committee would like to provide fresh produce for these local programs. This is an on-going process. Marilyn suggested contacting Chellie Pingree.

Elery summarized the development of the grist mill in Skowhegan. He wondered if SMMC might consider a regional facility similar to this (e.g., slaughter house or grain mill).

**Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Team:** This team met with Chris Martin to learn about the new services offered at Skills. They will be helping Chris promote these beneficial changes. The group will be helping with recycling at The Trek Across Maine. If you are free to help June 16 between 10:30 and 4:30, let Linda know. Plans are underway to compost at The Taste of Waterville. Save the date August 1 if you would like to help.

**Transportation Team:** Scott Workman (a Waterville resident who is working on a Master's in city planning at USM) presented "Why Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning? Creates Opportunities for Healthy & Sustainable People, Communities, Economies, & Towns" at a recent meeting. Jim Wood was happy to report that the *Kennebec Explorer* broke 6000 ride threshold for the second consecutive month.

Doug reported that the Rotary donated \$5000 for two bus shelters. One will potentially be at Walmart, and the other will potentially in The Concourse.

**New Business:**

On Thursday, Mike H speaking about SMMC at the Sunrise Rotary.

Action Item:

Linda: Send Mike the power point

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, July 10 at 8:00 AM** in the **Mayor's Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Woods, Coordinator

Elery Keene, Secretary