

Board of Directors Minutes
August 14, 2012
8:00 – 9:30

Members Present: Marilyn Canavan, Doug Carnrick, Sally Harwood, Mike Heavener, Elery Keene, John Reuthe, Clough Toppan, Linda Woods

Financial Report:

The city account has a deficit of \$707.68. The check from Prepare for the Future has been received and is waiting for final City Council approval. Linda sent an invoice to the town of Winslow requesting funding.

There is \$1426.99 in the checkbook. Some of this is designated for gardens from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund. It will be used to purchase storage bins for the Local Food to Meet Local Need group. We made \$15.50 in the 50-50 raffle.

Linda compiled all the materials that Karl Foss (of Jim Nicholson's office) needed to complete the IRS filing. She asked for a copy of the report.

Fund Raising Committee Report:

The Fund Raising Committee in a discussion with John Reuthe decided to continue the residential energy program. The last rebates from SMMC will be issued by August 31. There is a surplus in the original EECBG grant funds that is now with Waterville. Even though residential energy continues to be the most important, John is hoping to include businesses. The new program should include some consultation around solar, but unsure of where to get the funding. There is a woman at KVCC who might help with grant writing. There might be some marketing money through EMT. The new goal is \$170,000.

Elery motioned that we ask John to put together a proposal that includes hiring a grant writer to refine this and identify fund sources. Sally seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Action Item:

John: Create an outline and budget for this new program by September 11

Action Items (from May):

Mike H: Contact John Joseph

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:

Linda asked Mayor Heck about SMMC's hosting a Community Convergence session sometime in the fall.

More than one hundred people attended the showing of *Fixing the Future* at Railroad Square. Linda spoke of SMMC. Several people took brochures, and one signed up to help with composting.

The Board decided not to have an ad in the Chamber of Commerce's new map.

Communications:

Gary Poulin of the EZ Big Book offered to publish a half-page ad for SMMC. Linda presented a draft of this.

Elery motioned to accept a revised draft. Doug seconded.

Education:

The Education Team is considering hosting a gathering of sustainability groups from surrounding towns. Before beginning to plan this event, they would like input from the Board and team leaders. Linda's request for written feedback brought few responses.

The Board is in support of hosting a gathering of area sustainability teams. Funds are available to help.

The Education Team is also hoping to make educational videos to post on You Tube and other locations.

Energy:

Revision Energy will be doing a presentation on photo voltaic panels. There is a tax credit of 30% for home owners who add solar. It is important to market this. In addition to PACE, there are Power Saver Loans.

A discussion followed about including other area towns in our district energy proposal since the district energy team includes entities from outside Waterville & Winslow. Since Vassalboro has a representative on the Board, they should be included.

It was suggested that the Waterville tax bill could have a sticky note that includes contact information that outlines our rebate program.

Action Item:

Consider holding seminars on weatherization and improving your home's energy efficiency

Garden:

Linda showed the director of New England Grassroots Environmental Fund the gardens at Moore St. and at the Alford Center. She was especially impressed by Steve Aucoin's work with the children.

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Team:

More than thirty people volunteered almost 100 hours to compost at The Taste of Waterville. This included 17 new people. Two people volunteered to check the bags for

clarity the day after the event. Thanks to their efforts, about 900 pounds of materials including cardboard and returnables were kept from the landfill.

John Reuthe purchased a nice canopy for our use at future outdoor events.

Transportation Team:

The Transportation Team did not meet in July.

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, September 11 at 8:00 AM** in the **Mayor's Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Woods, Coordinator

Elery Keene, Secretary