

**Local Food for Local Need  
Storage & Distribution Group Joint Meeting  
May 23, 2013  
1:00-2:00**

**Present:** Mike Heavener, Kate Newkirk, Joe Klaus, Ken Stevens, Wanda Steward, Barbara Temple, Ray Winship, Linda Woods

It was decided to hold a joint meeting of the storage & distribution sub committees. . The meeting was held in the former Huhtamaki building off Industrial Road. This building will become a food storage & distribution hub. It has been renamed Central Maine Enterprise Center.

**The Building:**

Ken said this is an adventure he'd waited 22 years to realize. He now has a 40,000 sq. foot building that will serve as the location for all 5 ministries, as well as the only small business incubation place in Maine. It will serve as a mini hub in conjunction with a program in Skowhegan. Some food will be distributed through Skowhegan to Jackman. It is accessible 24/7.

To provide cooling: a 36 ft dual temperatures Northeast Trailer will be parked in lot. There is a concrete room (called a vault) will hold 10 pallets. Will add air conditioner. There are 8 acres for parking extra trailers. A discussion occurred about humidity, inspection requirements, transportation, and equipment they might need to move to the next level.

Action Items:

Ken: look at Cool Bot to utilize air conditioner as refrigerator  
Ken: Create a list of needs/ include costs & a timeline of importance

Some non-refrigeration distribution is occurring here currently.

Mike sees this as having solved the current food storage & distribution problem. The next step is how to get more food. Joe mentioned setting up more gleaning teams for local produce.

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Ken is hoping for a Maine Technology Grant to hire a staff person to serve as coordinator to contact volunteers when food becomes available. He will be applying for other grants. Joe volunteered to train the coordinator. Linda Rood at RSVP might have some volunteer suggestions. The interfaith clergy group (leader: Sharon Sagat-Stover) might have some ideas.

Action Items:

Kate: research Good Samaritan coverage  
Joe: Write a coordinator's job description

Wanda volunteered to be contact person for farmers to call

**Possibilities:**

Maybe Amy Calder could do something to promote this facility & its goals  
contact service groups to create gleaning teams (issue with liability)  
who is going to make this happen?

**The Vision:**

Ken has a wide range of ideas.

Long range plan: open a Maine Made Store in Braintree Mall in Braintree, MA to sell the products made here & bring food from Braintree back to here

Ken wonders who we know who could use space for retail activities. He told of a woman in Hartland making candles. He is assisting her by helping her receive a federal grant for a start up in Hartland. She, in turn, will hire 2 Aspire moms.

This is considered a social enterprise, non profit agency that has a business as part of its financial plan.

**Summer Lunch:**

Barbara is trying to coordinate for summer lunch program while Sacred Heart is closed in July.

The meeting ended with a tour of the facility.