

Education Team

April 17, 2012

1:30-2:45

Members Present: Jim Bannen, Marilyn Canavan, Jane Edwards, Melissa Hackett, Elery Keene, Bonnie Sammons, Alder Stone, Linda Woods

Bonnie suggested starting each meeting with a check-in and recommended that only one person speaks at a time.

Marilyn sent her piece to *The Sentinel* yesterday. She is waiting to see if it published.

The group discussed plans for Waterville's Second Annual Earth Day, which is April 28.

Action Items:

James, Bonnie, Elery, Jane, Linda: unloading 10:45-11:30

Elery, Jane: Sell Raffle tickets from 11:00 to noon

Bonnie: Check for a place to be inside (Barrels? REM? Jorgensen's)

Linda: Contact Thomas to see if any students can help

Marilyn: Contact Betty Jane Meader to see if any students can help

Linda: Ask Shannon to be as far away from the music as possible

Melissa: Contact Hardy Girls

Melissa: Contact Shannon to invite candidates to attend Earth Day

James, Bonnie, Alder, Linda: packing up 3:30-4:00

Linda: Check with Kate (MOFGA, too) & Cindy about community gardens

Melissa: Ask Johnny's if they are interested in a table

Bonnie: Contact Dennis Thoet

Linda distributed raffle tickets.

Bonnie explained the hand out with the comments about the mission statement that was generated by team members. It is important that the final draft is congruent with SMMC's vision statement.

The consensus seems to be to use the bolded list (see below) and add "resilient communities."

Members vision of what we should do includes primarily

Educate ourselves

Research the issues for in depth understanding

Educate other SMMC members and teams

Educate community

Create a visible presence online and in the community through every means

Plan organize, publicize, implement events to accomplish the above

SMMC's Mission Statement:

Sustain Mid Maine Coalition is a 501 (c) (3), non-profit organization. Our **Mission** is to promote energy conservation and alternative energy use for residents, businesses and municipal operations, thereby reducing energy costs for taxpayers while also cutting harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

The Objectives of the Coalition are to:

- reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in municipal facilities as well as area homes and businesses;
- recommend appropriate alternative energy technologies to elected officials and staff for implementation;
- make education and resources available to the public to assist the community in reducing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions;
- grow and support local foods;
- promote solid waste/recycling/composting practices;
- increase public transportation as well as awareness of its availability;
- provide activities to educate the public about the importance of sustainability;
- explore and engage opportunities for regional solutions and cooperation.

Action Items:

Linda: bring SMMC Vision Statement

Bonnie: rewrite the bolded list into a narrative

Elery spoke to Pete Sirois, a videographer. He has the equipment and connection with CATV. Elery would like us to have a movie followed by a discussion. Pete would have this on CATV. Pete suggests meeting with each team leader to learn of their accomplishments.

Action Item:

Elery: Invite Pete to May 22 meeting

Jane wondered if the book discussion group is part of the Education Team. If it is part of this team, someone should report to the Education Team about the book group's status. Jane may serve as the co-chair of the book group. It is hoped that this activity continues and becomes public outreach.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 22 at 1:30 downstairs at Barrels.**

Agenda:

Review of Earth Day

Mission Statement

Book Group

Pete Sirois

Transition Towns (what are they doing about education?)