

Balancing Economic Development & Environmental Stewardship Meeting Notes May 10, 2010



Team Goal: Community members steward both a vibrant economy and our human and natural resources so that all generations thrive.

Next meetings:

- June 16, 6:00-8:00 pm Carroll County United Annual Community Meeting with all teams at K.A. Brett School in Tamworth; networking and refreshments at 5:30.
- Tuesday, July 12 at 8:00 am, Tri-County CAP Resource Center, Tamworth.

Attendance: Raymond O'Brien, Chuck Henderson, Leona Simon, Dorothy Solomon, Bob Gillette, Pat Jones, Art Slocum and Cyndi Paulin.

- The meeting primarily focused on the June Annual Community Meeting and thoughts for the Biomass Tour postponed until the fall as well as some initial steps around business incentives.

Energy

Wood Biomass Tour - the group decided to postpone the Biomass Tour until the fall (Friday, November 4). The April 22nd date didn't work well for enough of the people the tour was most targeted toward. The fall will give us an opportunity to visit the new pellet system at the county (hopefully!).

- Need cost savings – Leona volunteered to pull some of this together. (Winnisquam HS and check in with Wendy Scribner re: Tuftonboro numbers)
- Register on-line?
- List of facilities – Leona will work on this (can build on list that Ray & Noreen brought back from Merrimack conference)
- Is providing lunch necessary or does it take more energy than it is worth? Decided to do bring your own bag lunch.
- Transportation – set up transportation but give people the option to attend just one part of the tour with their own car. Ask participants, “do you plan to take the bus, carpool or drive yourself?”
- Wrap up planning for this at July meeting

Annual Community Meeting on June 16

Team will have 8 minutes to report out what we have accomplished, what we have learned and what we are working on next. There will also be a breakout session for about 30 minutes. Noreen and Ray will do the report out.

Accomplishments:

- Town Surveys
- Broadband (Carol Miller meeting, report to towns, video to promote I want broadband, potential subcommittee)
- Energy – biomass tour in fall

Also on radar:

- Business Incentives – initial ideas
- Waste and energy

Business Incentives

Do towns list businesses and non-profits that are located in town on their website? Pat Jones volunteered to start to scan town websites to see what they are posting related to business. (zoning, business climate, business list, etc.).

Waste & Recycling - This is still on our radar for down the road.

General conversation:

- One possibly use for landfill sites is a solar array if the landfill is sited close enough to an entity that can use the power.
- Small scale idea – solar light for buildings that get occasional use (ex: solar motion light at Boy Scout building)