

Balancing Economic Development & Environmental Stewardship Meeting Notes

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

Next meetings: Sept. 13 & Oct. 11 at 8:00 am at Tri-County CAP Resource Center

Decisions Made

- Ask Winnisquam HS & Tuftonboro Town Hall some information in advance that we can compile into a handout.
- Members volunteered to contact specific town & school contacts in September – have in process by Sept 13 mtg.
- Find out about van/lunch and finalize invite by Sept. 1

Discussion

Confirmed/completed

- Winnisquam HS, Tuftonboro Town Hall and Sarah Smith are available. (Thanks Noreen & Leona)
- Updated invite language/flyer (Thanks Mike, Art, Noreen)
- Route (Thanks Noreen)

Agreed to do:

- Outreach to town contacts (Noreen, Ray, Art, Mike, Cyndi – other help welcome!)
- Van/lunch, possible funds – (Noreen)
- Finalize flyer (Cyndi & team)
- Get cost savings info from sites in advance & make handout. (Noreen, Cyndi, & Leona)

In process

- List of NH biomass facilities (Leona get from Sarah Smith)

Questions to ask sites in advance & day of the tour

- Total project cost
- Overall energy savings? Payback timeframe.
 - Were there other renovations done that also impacted the energy savings?
- Why did you choose this system? What other options did you consider?
- Maintenance – who, how & cost?
- Where do you get your fuel from?

Day of tour, please also include:

- How boiler works.
- What are lessons learned? Would you recommend to others? Anything you would do different?
- What made you nervous/what did community contemplate? How did that work out?

Timeline: people can attend all or part of tour

- 8:30 – leave Yankee Smokehouse
- 9:00–9:45 – Tour Tuftonboro Town Hall
- 10:45–11:45 – Tour Winnisquam HS
- 12:50 Return Yankee Smokehouse. Lunch?

Outreach

When the team reaches out to town/school contacts. Ask who is the key or go-to person for facilities/decisions about facilities? If "key" person can't go, can they send a representative?

- Goal – have people see wood burning boiler in action and think about whether it would be a good option for their community.
- Save town (tax-payer) dollars
- Positively impact the local economy and environment

Other & Announcements

- Ray met **Leo Dwyer** from Sandwich who worked on Jackson Labs (Mt. Dessert Island) heating project. That system uses pulverized pellets that are blown in to control temperature. Some obstacles are the start-up costs to make pellets. Also, smaller systems are relatively more expensive, larger systems are more cost effective. Leo may be good person to include if there is follow up event.
- **Woods, Water & Wildlife Festival** –August 13, 10:00–3:00 at Branch Hill Farm in Milton Mills. Jammed full of activities for all ages including food & music. <http://www.mmrg.info/>
- **"Funergy"** – Sept. 24, 10:00–3:00 put on by the Green Team. "Funergy" is a unique, family friendly hands-on investigation of energy and resource conservation at Mt. Cranmore. Free! More info. <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=135911633163670>

Attendance: Art Slocum, Mike Benoit, Noreen Downs, Ray O'Brien, Cyndi Paulin (Communicated about time conflict Brian Walker, Pat Jones & Leona Simon)

September Meeting: –

Status of outreach for tour

Decide on immediate follow-up communication for biomass tour – feedback and?

Loose ends for tour

Other

Meeting Schedule:

Tuesdays – 8:00 – 9:30 am

- September 13
- October 11
- November 15
- December 13