

Balancing Economic Development & Environmental Stewardship Meeting Notes

September 13, 2011



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

Next meetings: Oct. 11 & Nov. 15 at 8:00 am at Tri-County CAP Resource Center

Decisions Made

- Plan for outreach – members volunteered to contact specific town & school contacts in September.
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Discussion

Reviewed Itinerary & flyer

- Lunch time – will have at least one industry representative, probably more in addition to Sarah Smith for people to ask more questions and gather more information.

Outreach

- Questions to ask contacts (selectman, school contacts, energy committee, etc.)
- Who else should I reach out to? Is there an energy committee or other contact I should connect with? Do you know when the boilers will need to be replaced?
- Key talking points re: tour
 - Growing use of non-residential in New England
 - Purpose – come and learn some information so can consider whether this makes sense for your community whether in near future or longer-term. Tour will feature one wood-pellet and one wood-chip.
 - Potential savings in tax dollars
 - Local energy solution keeps more money and jobs in local area.
- If planning to attend, find out:
 - Name & Email
 - Attend part or all of tour? Taking van? Attending lunch?
 - Team member can get this information and pass it along to Cyndi if that is easier than forwarding people on to sign up via the CCU office.
- Expand outreach?
 - King Pine showed some interest last time. Noreen will reach out to them and Lakeview.
 - Leona will reach out to Wes Golomb Lake Region Community College
 - Follow up with Dorothy Solomon to see if Scott McKinnon from Memorial Hospital is still interested?

Agreed to do:

- Outreach to town contacts & others (Noreen, Ray, Art, Mike, Leona & Pat – other help welcome!)
 - Get logos for flyer & acknowledgements (Cyndi, Noreen, Ray)
 - Confirm Sarah Smith for whole day and find where she is at with ROI (Cyndi)
- In process
- Contributors for lunch (Noreen & Ray)

- Follow up with Chuck Henderson about getting copies of handouts and if he can connect with Red Jacket about attending.
- Other event discussion
 - SAU 49 did investigate biomass when they were planning the Kingswood expansion and decided on geothermal (easier to do with new construction.)
 - Check in with Sarah Smith at UNH Cooperative Ext. to see where she is at with gathering ROI information. It would be good to not have to recreate the wheel.

Other & Announcements

- **"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>
- **Jackson Labs (Mt. Desert Island) pellet heating system** that uses pulverized pellets that are blown in to better control temperature is saving \$1.5 million a year in heating costs and expecting to break even in two years. More info [here](#).

Attendance: Art Slocum, Mike Benoit, Noreen Downs, Ray O'Brien, Pat Jones, Leona Simon & Cyndi Paulin

Meeting Schedule:

Tuesdays – 8:00 – 9:30 am

- October 11
- November 15
- December 13