

Unity Comprehensive Plan Committee

Minutes September 12, 2013

Location: Unity Fire Station Meeting Room 6:00pm – 6:55pm

Attendance: Sara, Jim, Ken, Tom, Chia, Lori, Bob, Sonia, Don, Emily, Barry

Review/Approve Sept 5 Minutes

Approved with attendance fix.

Old Business:

Review Working Agreements and Email list guidelines

Lori will create print version of them

Review Employer Survey and Info Sheet

Jean will have a new draft for next meeting. We were fortunate to have a guest who is a business person in town who we hope provides feedback to her from that perspective.

Land Use identification – deadline Dec 5

We would like to get a small group get together before Dec 5 to make the list : Ken, Barry, Emily, Don

Any comments on the other old business? (prompts below)

Ongoing Tasks:

Inventory

Jim brought a handout showing an update on his inventory.

A member brought up a town in Vermont and a book about it called “The Town the Food Saved” by Ben Hewitt. The town is Harwick, VT.

Sara is open to ideas on how to inventory Identity and Branding if anyone has thoughts. Send them to her. What are the stories we tell about ourselves? Whether it be natural history or branding efforts that have happened in the past (downtown trees and the unity signs). Identity is important as we market ourselves to businesses.

We would like to schedule John P to talk to us about the coastal farm and food operation and the food hub.

Some people are having trouble linking to Sarah's links..... Emily will try to get that online in a better way along with the list of and links to comp plans.

Surveys and Dropboxes

More boxes have been placed and surveys are getting filled out. Need one for Edwards. Jim will ask them. Ken is doing an amazing job getting surveys out. He has gotten out 150-200 by going door to door. People are excited that they are being asked questions and their opinions are being sought. Thank you Ken!

Organization Meetings. Bob's at the legion tomorrow. Men's group at the Methodist church isn't meeting right now. Jim is set up with open door and bible bapstist church. sara oct 7 vrfp. Lori spoke with historical society but had a time constraint. Emily ambulance oct 2. Sat am ladies and noels have been spoken with. Don will be meeting with rotary.

Employer Survey

Signs idea??

New Business:

New ideas, comments or concerns?

Comment: Maine Development Foundation does many things including a leadership program and their Main St program (Belfast Creative Coalition; Waterville Main St) 30 or so in the state. MOFGA is getting their award for health and wellness.

Is there a student portal where unity students can be plugged about the survey?

Can we get a link to our survey on local businesses' websites? We may get our friends on facebook who have businesses to share our link to the survey.

We need a facebook page.

Inventory check-in on sept 26. Everyone bring a piece of your inventory to share. Doesn't have to be complete but it would be good to get some of that work done.