

Transition Amherst 11/10/11 Meeting notes

Present: Patty, Bernard, Morgan, Illana, Emily, Jon, Gabor, Mona, Molly, Betsy, Rick, Wendi (facilitator), Annalise

Meeting began with a check-in and brief discussion of people's experiences during the October snowstorm and subsequent power outage, including the connection to our Transition project. It was decided that we would have a potluck dinner November 27, 4:00 at Mona and Bob's to continue this discussion.

Follow-up Topics:

Peaceful Conflict Resolution Workshop: Rick shared a draft flier and is seeking a venue for this reskilling workshop he is offering December 3, 10-1. Suggestions of Jones and Pelham libraries, churches. If he can find a location, he will promote to Transition lists.

The Transition Companion: People bought these new books from Gabor. Do people want to form a group to read and discuss?

Website: Gabor reported that with support of Roger Conant of Transition Pelham he has decided on a hosting arrangement (2 years, \$5 a month which Gabor is paying), and has reserved two names (TransitionAmherst.org and TransitionAmherst.com). Next we need to decide what the format will be and what information we should put on the website. Patty, Bernard and Emily will work on a website subcommittee with Gabor.

Mission Statement:

We discussed formulation Rick had distilled from last meeting and Betsy will send out revised version for further responses.

Carry-over items:

Great Unleashing: Rick proposed that we form a subcommittee which will be authorized to get thinking about the G.U. Betsy suggested we consider having a meeting (3 hours) with Tina – like Northfield did. Group decided in favor of a subcommittee meeting to start something happening, to perhaps prepare for bigger meeting/brainstorming session with the whole group. Rick, Mona and Betsy indicated interest.

Group Process & Decision-making: Do we want to use meeting time to further refine? Do we have an environment where people feel okay raising their thoughts and ideas? Do we have ground rules so all can feel safety? Two possible guidelines for how to run meetings include protocol Rick sent out earlier and the protocol from the Transition US website. Jon will send a link to the Transition US Governance Toolbox. All agree to read before the next meeting where we will discuss further.

Next Meeting Thursday December 8 at Brennan's Amethyst Farm, 89 Northeast Street, 7- 9 p.m. Bernard or Patty will facilitate.

Meeting ended with a round of evaluation and check-outs.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Krogh

