

## Agenda April 26th

Present:

Betsy, Emily, Emily 2, Molly, Rick, John, Jon, Bernard, Ophelia, Gabby, Wendi, Gabor, Patty and Steve  
(first time attending)

Next meeting: Gabor's home 44 Veston Street

### Summary of decisions from this meeting

-Bernard will email with requests for help for particular walks he needs help with.

-Betsy, Molly and John will help with some of these walks

-Great Unleashing subcommittee will meet to further discuss agenda after meeting with Tina. (Meeting is now set for May 3rd at 6:30 pm at Amethyst Farm).

-Tentative date for Great Unleashing is now September 22d contingent upon confirmation of venue and that there are no conflicts with big events going on in town. Wendi will check out conflicts that weekend. Everyone is encouraged to reach out to possible venues and report by email.

-Name for the event: Wendi will send the email thread with the list of current names and we will decide electronically.

-Molly will contact Judy Phillips to inform her of our support for the Film Festival

-Bernard will inform the list as to whether everyone can add names to the existing e-mail list or make sure to add this capability.

-Rick will bring a sample of the music from the group he wants to invite to the celebration next meeting.

A) Announcements: May 24th 4:00pm regional phone call

Saturday 3-5pm prepare your bike for the season.

B) Brief reports

-Treasurer: Nothing

-Website: 2 mins:

Site has been fixed. [transitionamherst.org](http://transitionamherst.org)

-Intern: 5 minutes

Their involvement with our group happened through their Building community class. They found that it was hard to fit the transition group into the curriculum. It does not fit the typical model of giving, receiving, etc. This is not a formal organization that provides services. Very different from their other groups So it has been an interesting process. They are preparing their reflections from their time here. They have learned a lot about process. It may be hard to get young people involved in the actual process (minutes, etc). Recommend that we use other communication forums, no email.

-Community Garden Report: 3 minutes

John Gerber circulated the message to invite people if they are interested in getting involved. Betsy and Emily would be interested. Emily asked do they go as individuals or transition? No date set yet.

-Sustainability festival 1 minute

Molly set up with Alex. Made flyer. Several people were there. Got some names. Great conversations. Many people already knew about transition. They were interested in talking with people.

-Consciousness raising report

Walk about report: 6 mins

Bernard: Passed on a list with 11 possibilities, he does not have any solid dates yet, but for one on Father's day (June 17th). He has secured guides for many of these. We need to get some dates to confirm and go ahead and do it. Great list for networking with other people. Molly and Betsy can help more. Partnering with more organizations. John W. proposed a couple of ideas and help. People take on particular walks and help Bernard with reaching out. Proposal: by email Bernard will send request for help, and confirmation of date. No limit in the number of walks... we will do as many as we can.

Movie report: 4 minutes

Patty: Patty will send email with the next 2 films to the list for advertising purposes. Next movie is a collaboration with Amherst Bike Fest on May 15th at town hall. She requested help with providing soup for the event if anyone can help.

Skill sharing: 4 minutes

Gabor: A lot of them are time dependent and food related. In the website they will be laid out. Guideline: fourth Saturday. Blackberry harvesting and jelly making. Canning is something that is really interesting. Bernard suggested another type of skill sharing: Skill sharing open mike, where people come and speak for a few minutes to share a particular skill.

Arts Project report: 4 minute

Molly: Anyone object to her recording the meetings? Emily and Molly will meet outside this meeting to agree on ideas to present.

-Great unleashing status report:

We need to meet again as a subcommittee to review plan post-Tina meeting.

Date: 5 minutes:

Proposal: We will leave September 22d as the final date for the celebration, but we will do a little research on what else is going on in town that week, (with Wendy finding out) and finding possible venues. Wendy will email results for competitive events for Sept 22d. E-mail thread for competitive events and location. Subcommittee will meet and look for gaps in the planning that we need to figure out.

Name: 10 minutes:

Names so far:

Sowing the seed

The launch

Celebrate Amherst past present and future

Celebrate Amherst our strengths and opportunities/possibilities

Amherst celebrates the community we are and are becoming.

Sowing the future

Unleashing Amherst sustainable future

Celebrating resilient Amherst: past, present and future

Celebrate Amherst in transition.

Wendi will start a thread on email to discuss the name and get some final agreements

Music: 2 minutes: African American friends of Rick. Rick will bring a sample

-Publicity visit: 2 minutes: Betsy will continue to work in the list.

-Coop meetings: 1 minute. Too early to report. Producer coop model. We are supporting the exploration of an idea, but the idea is still unclear.

-Support film festival: 2 minutes. We need somebody to contact Judy Phillips: Molly will do it.

Carry over business

-Ways to promote our activities: radio, perpetual food drive (buy one item every time you go grocery shopping to donate to the survival center or whatever), underwriting of WNCR: Sale of underwriting in the am station.

-New business: E-list steering committee: 2-3 mins

-Everyone might be able to do it. already, if not Bernard will make the change. Our list does not include specific information on the people who sign up, just their email. The steering list deals with lots of internal business that would bore others. No duplicates.

These ideas get moved for next meeting

-How to introduce ideas not related to the GU: 10 minutes (Tabled for next meeting)

-Tracking: 2 minutes

-Using our email list: 5 minutes

-Decision making via e-mail: 5 minutes

-Process and due deliberation in general (consensus?)

From Steve:

\*Clean Bin project (suggested for August Film?)

\*Would be nice to get a welcome email from the list

\*Amherst historical society does bike tours on Wednesday nights.

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