

Minutes for the 9 July 2012 meeting at John White's garden.

Present: Wendi, Gabor (facilitator), Steve, Bernard.

TRANSITION AMHERST OUTINGS

Past Events: Earlier programs have been successful based on good attendance, drawing different attendees, and level of audience involvement.

Next Event is Saturday 28 July at Gabor's house: Stella Osorojos Eisenstein will give us a workshop on Energetic Strategies for Self-Care. Self-diagnosis, meditation, hands-on methods and other techniques will be looked at and practiced. Gabor reported that there have already been many applicants for this program.

Postponed Event: The Edible Mushroom Walk has been postponed due to the dry conditions and lack of mushrooms. It has been tentatively rescheduled for August 5th pending better moisture levels and mushroom emergence.

Proposed Event: Kate from Cowl's Lumber has offered to lead a forest walk. Gabor will coordinate.

Further Events: Future workshops or movies have not be schedule perhaps due to summer vacations. Gabor is planning food related workshops later in the growing season as well as a fall bike workshop. Wendi is interested in a joint Amherst-Pelham meeting perhaps as a workshop or meal. Bernard stated that co-sponsoring events would be a good way to get more TA events and also build connections with other organizations.

WEBSITE STUFF

Gabor will request a 40 minute block of time on a future agenda and with a laptop and live web connection demonstrate how to add to and edit the Transition Amherst web site.

GREAT UNLEASHING EVENT

All Things Community: Celebrating Amherst {In Transition}.

Wendi reviewed a long list of public meeting venues and only one is available on Saturday October 13th: the Amherst Regional Middle School. Based on discussions with school personnel (Sue Warren) and comments at tonight's meeting the Auditorium can be configured for both the main meeting space and break-out spaces. The School Department has very fixed rules and fee

schedules. Using just the Auditorium will limit the space rental fees. The adjacent entry lobby also gives more space options. Auditorium is \$35/hour, plus a custodian at \$35/hour and an administrative fee of \$60. The initial estimate is over \$500 plus the need for a Certificate of Insurance. Wendi was also very clear on the urgency to file the application. There was a unanimous vote of those present to empower her to determine to final cost and file the completed application as soon as possible. Both Bernard and Gabor offered to provide a check for the required 50% deposit. A suggested donation of \$5 at the door would help cover some of the cost and John White (Treasurer) will be contacted about other funds.

NEXT MEETING

Will be on August 2nd at Gabor's house: Gabor and Wendi will co-facilitate.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes by Steve Fratoni.