

MINUTES

from the August 30, 2012, meeting of

TRANSITION AMHERST

at the home of Molly Falsetti-Yu, 148 High St.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 13, 7:00 p.m. at Betsy's house, 84 Eames Ave, Amherst (549-2846). Betsy will facilitate with John.

Present 8/30/12: Tina Clark, Gabor Lukacs, John White, Emily Polk, Jon Kent, Molly Falsetti-Yu, Betsy Krogh, Wendi Weinberg, and Rick Martin. Emily facilitated; Rick took notes, Wendi kept the time and "stacked."

1. Rick opened with the song, "Aquarius," and we checked-in.

2. Announcements included

- A "Celebrate Amherst" Block Party in Amherst on September 13, 6:00-10:00 p.m. in downtown Amherst (North and East Pleasant Streets closed off between Amity and Triangle Sts.)
- An appearance by Bill McKibben at Amherst College, Friday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 9, at First Congregational Church, Amherst, 1:00 p.m.
- A Pioneer Valley Transition Town Film Festival sponsored by Transition Northfield (deadline to submit films: September 28)
- Rick handed out a Wall Street Journal article about Time-Trade Banks in Spain.

3. Molly reported concerning an on-site visit which four of us made to the Middle School, where the "All Things Community" celebration will be held" Materials needed on the day of the event, (Saturday, October 13, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.) were discussed. We agreed to go on another site visit two weeks before the event (Saturday, September 29). Rick promised to seek out the high school jazz band for background music before and after the event.

4. Outreach: Betsy reported on the combing of outreach-lists for the most important contacts to make. Tina helped us develop personal-contact lists.

5. John reported on the subcommittee-draft of a flyer for "All Things Community," which was passed around for comments. It was referred back to the committee for improvements.

6. Gabor suggested that we meditate on the possibility that the event will be under-attended, and how any outcome can be an educational experience. Other viewpoints were expressed

7. Betsy reported on her tabling at the "Opening of School" event Wednesday, August 29.

8. We checked out and adjourned at 9:00 p.m.