

All Things Local Working Group Draft Minutes

Amethyst Farm

July 23, 2012; 7:00pm

Attending:

Bernard Brennan
Michelle Parrish
John Gerber (recording)
Robin Luberoff
Jeremy Barker-Plotkin
John R. White
Tina Clarke

Expressed regrets: John Thibbits, Emily Stephens

1. Following brief introductions, Tina gave a background on the project and then we agreed to the following agenda:

a. Meetings

- Agreed to alternate Thursdays (August 9 and 23) at 7:00pm
- Meetings at Amethyst Farm with Co-housing as backup
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b. Planning

- Lets be careful about announcing an opening date
- Lets work on organizational documents and a business plan before we do too many more public events
- We need to build memberships and perhaps develop ways to invest in the project
- We need to agree to a mission and vision
- We need to be better educated in cooperative management
- We need to decide what All Things Local will be
- The next meeting (August 1) will examine Local Roots documents
 - Review Membership Criteria
 - Review Local Roots Bylaw
 - Review draft Mission Statement from Bernard

c. Relationship with Amherst Community Market

A discussion followed about the relationship with the ACM project. There was an agreement that the two projects are substantially different and we should continue to wish them well.

d. Web page

John asked everyone to send him a bio statement and a photograph for the Working Group web page

e. Commitments

- **House parties** - lets wait until we make progress on the mission statement and legal documents
- **Legal Structure** - We will all read two key Local Roots documents
 - Membership Form
 - Bylaw
- **Fiscal Sponsorship** - Pioneer Valley Regional Venture Center can sponsor our project for very little money. We might look at another local coop as well. Talk with Mary Hoyer to see if there is logical fiscal sponsor.
- **Publicity** - Tina will begin to work on a structure for a brochure
- **Task Teams** - need to get to work!

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm with good cheer.