

Greenville NH Community Profile Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2017

Opening

The meeting of the Greenville NH Community Profile Steering Committee was called to order at 6:40pm on February 23, 2017.

Present

Deb Spratt, Anne McInnis, Jim Stimans, Steve Spratt, Bernie LeBlanc, Maggie Bickford, Kim Duthie, Heather Schoff (Committee Members) and Sharon Cowen (of UNH Extension)

Introductions

Each member of the meeting introduced themselves and gave a brief synopsis why they are serving on this committee. Sharon Cowen also introduced herself and highlighted some background on her experience as well as recent projects with other NH communities.

Outline of Process

Sharon outlined the process for our profile. It is a 6-9 month endeavor and will include monthly meetings until Summer, when we may choose to break for a month or two, reconvening in the fall for facilitator training and pre-profile organizational meetings. Our Community Profile weekend will comprise a Friday night dinner (potluck, etc) and a large group discussion before breaking out into 10 smaller groups for discussion on certain topics of interest. Friday's activities will inform how Saturday will run. We will return to meet in the morning, continental type breakfast and then break into 5-6 focus groups to discuss until lunchtime - Normally a quick lunch and then a total wrap up for the day by 2pm or so. A follow-up meeting will be held a month or so later with UNH Extension as a recap. Some communities plan to meet with focus groups every quarter with a larger meeting on an annual basis.

Discussion of electing Chair/Co-Chairperson(s) and Secretary: to be discussed at next meeting. Other items to work on will be subcommittees for Marketing/Food/Logistics, etc. Again, to be discussed in next working meeting.

There was an open discussion of other communities and how they worked/are working with the process of Community Profile. Committee members decided that they would like to have some information available for Voting Day and Town Meeting (March 14 and March 18, respectively). Sharon will provide helping materials. Also we discussed

posting information/video on Facebook/social media to help drive interest within the community to ready residents for the event.

Tentative dates for the event: October 13-14 or 20-21. To be determined. We did set upcoming meetings (subject to change): March 23, April 27, May 25 and June 15. at 6:30. Anyone interested in helping with the posters for the Voting/Town Meeting are welcome to meet on March 9 at Maggie Bickford's home.

Members need to go to town hall and be sworn in by Kathy Valliere.

Agenda for Next Meeting

Elect Committee Roles, begin work in earnest towards getting the word out there to the community

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm. The next full committee meeting will be at 6:30pm on , in Greenville NH at the SAU Building.

Minutes submitted by: Heather M. Schoff

Approved by: