Minutes to August Board Meeting (8/18/2011)

Attendees: Heather Scott, Jackie Mellen, Deborah Kreiser-Francis, George Vella, Brittany Sidway, Jeremy Barstow (advisor).

Absent: Nate Hamilton, Paul Kenny

House Repair-

Jeremy met with Marc Cerel, Chairman of CPC and Town Dept of Public Works officials. Mark Cerel called the meeting. His concern: Why is the roof repair at 50 Winthrop Street not complete?   
Mark was concerned and threatened to take away town’s $50,000 funds for house repair.

Mark’s understanding is MCF was definitely using an outside contractor. But per town vote MCF had the option to use outside contractor if need be. Jeremy shared with the Mark and town officials the story of working with Tri-County. Mark encouraged Jeremy to start getting contractor bids in the event Tri-County cannot get roof on by December.  
  
Jeremy mentioned all parties left on good terms.

BOARD VOTE:  
MCF Board voted to hire outside contractor to get roof done asap. Tri-County students can work on next house repair projects.

Jeremy shared with the board his house repair documents that include to-list and cost. An additional $65,000 will need to be raised to complete the house repair. Heather is adding this to the 2012 Fundraising Campaign.  
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Farm Manager Update  
Brittany would like to offer fall egg share from local, free-range Brambly Farms  
Fall Extended Shares are selling 27 shares left  
Brittany distributed a survey via survey monkey – feed back from CSA customers is they are satisfied and would sign up next year.  
Local Town Pages interviewed Brittany and interns for Sept article.  
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President Report  
Officially launching coffee share with Red Barn – If MCF can foster the sale of coffee shares it could be great income source for the farm up to $10,000. MCF will promote Red Barn coffee shares at Fall Festival. MCF would consider additional local coffee roasters down the road.

Heather announced her transition from Board President to Advisory Board Member via constant contact format (thank you Jackie). (2) Farm Supporters expressed potential interest and would be in touch by 9/15 if they are available.

Fall Festival   
Admission: $5.00 per family Tickets for games $1.00 per ticket  
Table/Booth Fee $20 per group/crafting selling goods; $10.00 per non-profit promoting cause  
MCF Board agreed to have Barefoot Books sell books at Festival. BFB will donate 20% of proceeds to MCF.

Fall Potluck  
Event is a thank you to the community for their support.  
Cost is Free. But a suggested donation would cover the cost of chairs and tables.  
  
Fall Luminary Lighting  
Luminaries cost $3.00 or (2) for $5.00  
  
2012 Fundraising Campaign  
Needs to be edited with revised house repair fundraising goal.  
Created a detailed sheet with house repair costs and phases

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Grant Update  
Applied to Middlesex for $9,000 to cover cost of (4) internships in 2012.  
Applied to Metrowest for $9,000 to cover cost of Sensory Garden (handicapped accessible)  
Heather suggested promoting MCF 2012 Calendar as a potential grant project for NEGF – due 9/15  
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Fall programs have been submitted  
Deborah is looking into a Medway Cultural Grant for clean air art classes  
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Marketing /PR  
Jackie has her email send dates ready to go  
George asked if NEGF is publically thanked on website. (It is under Thank you section)  
Deborah suggested having special location to acknowledge grants MCF has received.

Jeremy mentioned the goal is to get Brittany in the caretaker unit by the winter.