

## **FCAT Meeting Notes**

**January 13, 2011 (rescheduled from December 20, 2010)**

Present: Kirstin Moritz, Sally Hauck, Donna Jewett, Hilde Maingay, Cheryl Holdren, Christina Rawley (Host); Anne-Marie Runfola, David Dow, Eileen Gunn, Janet Kluever, Michael Stone.  
Absent: Nancy Jack Todd and Nicole Goldman.

### **Ideas Discussed at January 13th Gathering**

\*Top 10 things we can work on. Create and distribute list and use this to focus all our efforts in FCAT. TO DO: Create list

\*Follow up to Silent Spring Town Reading and/or Earth Day Activity: Create follow up activities to Silent Spring reading, possibly as the Earth Day activity, following on Town Library February-March events. Focus on toxins, or coordinate with other groups already planning a program? Find out what others are doing (see below for first activities) and then fill in gaps or join another group so that we're not all competing. TO DO: (1) Discuss further; (2) AMR will send out a Google Doc so we can all start adding events as we hear about them.

\*Host sustainable, non-toxic gardening info tables, workshops, other. Composting, fewer pesticides, healthier methods for dealing with the grubs. Offer these to Barnstable County Extension for their Master Gardeners, etc. TO DO:

\*Partner with League of Women Voters, Green Churches Group, Church Youth Groups, Schools. TO DO: Invite these groups to a joint meeting or go to theirs to talk about joint efforts.

\*Find a student who is willing to participate on steering committee and/or on sub committees or projects of interest. TO DO: Contact schools with proposal for what we'd like. AMR (me) will volunteer to do this.

Write articles for the Enterprise. TO DO: decide on topic and writers

\*Continue providing renters sheet for relators. Expand to new home owners or those who are thinking of buying (checklist of what to look for in a home)

### Action Group Sub-Committees - Review

\*Land and Water: Focus on water resources. Need to have planning meeting soon. TO DO: Hilde to set meeting date.

\*Green Schools: Focus on elementary schools. Need people who'd like to help with lessons for programs in E. Falmouth and then in other schools. Green Schools program can help with the energy piece. Need to have town school energy committee to work on just those issues. TO DO: Let Donna know if you're interested. AMR to continue working with Donna.

\*Zero Waste Group: Focus on continuation of Main Street recycling program. Could do displays of recyclables in business windows - artistic, gets businesses involved and support recognition

of businesses that have green practices. TO DO: Communicate results of Main Street recycling program, meet with Summer 2010 sponsors.

\*Transportation: (not active): Advertise alternative transportation systems, like the shuttle, the bike path. WBNERR may be holding a transportation session soon. TO DO: Create advertisement/strategy for publicizing.

\*Recommendation: Create Communications Sub Committee to focus on communicating our messages, goals and successes. Publicity/Networking/Marketing. TO DO: Identify interested members - Michael, Anne-Marie, Eileen?, other? Set mtg date and go forward. Finish Facebook page and launch - Christina, Anne-Marie to help, others?

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PLUS, one more that emerged from discussion among a few who stayed for kitchen clean-up: Transition Town: If we were to become one (or an equivalent), we can hopefully coordinate more events like Earth Day with all groups involved. TO DO: Decide if we'll move forward with this and what steps we need to take next and whether or not we'll wait for town approval to get started.

#### **CALENDAR:**

2/2: 2PM - Falmouth Service Ctr - Ground Hog Day - Energy Conservation event.

7PM - Joint WHRC/MBL: Wes Jackson lecture on perennial grass in Lillie Auditorium (6PM reception in the Meigs Room.- public invited).

2/7: Next FCAT Steering Committee Meeting, 5 - 7PM at Hilde's home, Alchemy Farm, 237 Hatchville Road.

4/16: Wastewater Justice Conference

4/23: Falmouth Service Ctr Community Garden Event

Other FCAT Steering Committee Meetings: The second Monday of each month.