

# Transition Meaford – Meeting Notes | Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> , 2014

In Attendance:

Liz	Chuck	Jaden
Lindy	Steve	Rick
Mary	JoAnn	

Item		Action/Commitments
1	<p><b>Introductions &amp; Welcome - Jaden (Chair for the evening)</b></p> <p>Lindy gave a brief description of the upcoming Earth Week (April 20-26) which will focus on moving towards zero waste and will culminate in a Reuse Fair.</p>	
2	<p><b>Round Circle Discussion: Establishing a Vision for 2014</b></p> <p>Those in attendance reviewed the 12 Actions of Transition and discussed where the group may wish to focus efforts in 2014.</p> <p>Steve proposed that the group investigate how to move beyond the plastics recycling pilot to broader community uptake. There was general support. He will follow up with the Municipality regarding an upcoming tender to determine if plastics will be included.</p> <p>Chuck described an equipment/supply co-op that he was involved with in Vermont, focused on small scale farmers and homesteaders – e.g. grain buying, cider press, livestock trailer etc... He suggested there might be an opportunity to start something similar here. Jaden suggested that Chuck might be interested in joining in on the work currently being done for a community juice press. For other projects (perhaps grain to start), a sub-group will need to be formed.</p> <p>Liz noted her discussion with Recreation Staff of the Municipality and their openness to partner on workshop/programming efforts (format similar to the current fitness programs – cost recovery basis only). The group talked about potential for workshops to be utilized to assist with community reskilling and the potential to partner with local small business in their delivery.</p> <p>Rick voiced interest in exploring the potential for a small</p>	<p>Steve: Follow up with Municipal Operations staff regarding plastics/tender</p> <p>Jaden: Provide Chuck with information regarding ongoing work</p> <p>Group: brainstorm ideas for potential workshops this year.</p>

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	<p>scale community energy project/cooperative. Liz offered to send along some resource materials to assist Rick in looking into this idea further.</p> <p>Rick also asked if there is the potential to have a ‘town hall’ type meeting after the showing of ‘Trashed’ on March 19. He volunteered to speak with MACA regarding this idea.</p>	<p>Liz: Send resources to Rick</p> <p>Rick: Research</p> <p>Rick: Speak with MACA</p>
	<p><b>Update: Community Garden 2014 Activities</b></p> <p>The group intends to continue to promote the community gardens and advocate for the expansion of the existing ones as well the creation of new garden spaces. Also, Mary is hoping to create a garden at the United Church and edible perennials/annuals will be planted in the tiered beds next to the Meaford Harbour Pavilion as part of Edible Gardens Meaford.</p>	

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