

Minutes of the Meeting of the Nelson Sustainability Group, 8/19/15

Present: Barbara Voymas, Max Nunnemaker, Michael Iselin, Dave Upton.

The meeting came to order at approximately 7:20 pm after all attending members had arrived.

The Minutes of the 8/4 meeting were not discussed. Approval will be on the agenda for our next meeting.

The group expressed its appreciation to David Voymas for his presentation, “Sustainability and Stewardship” on the previous evening. We all agreed that we would hope for and encourage David to make the third of his three presentations, “Sustainability and Spirituality” at a date in the near future, and that we would make every effort to improve our advertising efforts this time around.

The Group began a general discussion of the messages contained in chapters 8 and 9 of the “Transition Handbook”.

Chapter 8. describes a vision of local agriculture, as well as local sources of transportation, energy and housing in the year 2030.

Chapter 9. discusses methods that can be used to develop a vision for a community that can thrive in an “energy descent” environment.

The group agreed that we need to continue to attempt to educate the community regarding Peak Oil and Climate Change and the action that we should take to prepare ourselves for a future without liquid fuels. We agreed to engage speakers on related subjects and to organize continuing education for the members of our community.

The next meeting of the Nelson Sustainability Group is scheduled for September 10 at 7 pm in the Library. The Group agreed to read chapters 10, 11 and 12 of the “Transition Handbook” for discussion at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Upton