

Minutes of the Meeting of the Nelson Sustainability Group 4/16/15

Members present: Barbara Voymas, Barbara Fraser, Maury Collins, Dave Upton

Guest: Megan Straughen

Dave Upton called the meeting to order at 7:05.

A motion by Maury Collins, seconded by Barbara Fraser to approve the Minutes of 1/15 as presented and the Minutes of 3/26 with a clarification that the topic of David Voymas's presentation should be “Simplicity as it Relates to Sustainability”, was agreed to by unanimous vote.

Dave reported that the Select Board had appointed Barbara Fraser, Deke Conklin, Michael Iselin, Max Nunnemaker, Maury Collins and Dave Upton to be members of the Nelson Sustainability Group (NSG). The Select Board has also appointed Barbara Voymas and Donna Kidd to the Nelson Sustainability Group conditional upon their acceptance of the appointment. Barbara Voymas agreed to accept her appointment to the Group.

A general discussion of the mission of the NSG and on how best to bring our message to the community ensued. Consensus developed around bringing a positive message of actions that people can take to prepare themselves for the impact that the reduced availability of fossil fuels will have on our local economy.

Barbara Voymas recommend three books that provide insight into the concepts of a sustainable economy; *Natural Capitalism* by Paul Hawken and Amory and Hunter Lovins, *Limits to Growth* by Meadows and Randers, and *Transition Handbook From Oil Dependency to Local Resiliency* by Rob Hopkins.

Barbara Fraser presented a letter from David Voymas describing his conditions for his proposed public presentation. A motion by Maury Collins seconded by Barbara Fraser to accept David Voymas's conditions and to reserve the Town Hall for David's presentation was agreed to unanimously. Barbara Fraser agreed to contact David to establish a time for his presentation and Edie Drinkwater to reserve the Town Hall for the event.

All agreed that we would schedule our next meeting for 4/23/15 at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room in the Library basement.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was agreed to by unanimous consent at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Upton