

MVFC Board Notes – not an official meeting Monday, January 16, 2017

Update from Suzanne

I. Recap Movie Night

Laura and Suzanne (and Mom) attended to represent MVFC, there were about 25 people total who stayed for the film and discussion afterwards. Mike from Haverhill Matters spoke and Suzanne answered questions about the state of the coop and future plans. A couple of people took applications and we will follow up with the sign up sheet that Mike gathered. Donations for Emmaus Inc were about 30 lbs and were delivered to the shelter by Suzanne. They were very appreciative.

II. Meeting schedule

If we can plan for Monday evenings at 7pm, that seems like the only night everyone is available. Please confirm that. If we can keep meetings short, hopefully that will be convenient. I propose that we plan a meeting for Monday, January 30 and Monday, February 20th at 7pm. We can decide other meetings from there.

III. Transition presentation plans

Please let me know if you will be able to attend this event. Suzanne plans to attend and present. Any suggestions to fill out this brief description would be greatly appreciated.

"Merrimack Valley Food Co-op Presentation for Transition Newburyport Monday, February 27, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Newburyport Library

Merrimack Valley Food Co-op members will present their startup plans for a cooperative grocery store to be located in Haverhill, MA.

We will use current topics to show how the co-op model will provide needed sustainability and local resilience at a challenging economic time.

Current MVFC members will respond to participant questions during the event and will share a sneak peak about the "Savor Haverhill" event scheduled for October, 2017."

IV. Savor Haverhill

We need to decide if this will be a tickets fund raising farm to table dinner, live art show with local artists doing some kind of demo and local chefs highlighting seasonal treats or add a community component where people could come earlier and sample or purchase from local craftspeople etc.

The Savor Lawrence was live music and 2 live large scale paintings done while the band played, people ate passed appetizers and beverages. There was a silent auction and art sale with several of the artists present to discuss their work.

Please suggest what you would like to see at the Savor Haverhill. Who could we ask to help on a committee?

I have been in touch with the Cultural Council and they have pushed the announcements off again. The last date I was given was the 15th of January to send mailed decisions so I will look this week in the mail.

V. Updates

Suzanne paid for the \$13 domain renewal and will submit the NFCA annual dues of \$100 this week. The NFCA 6th Annual meeting is on Saturday, March 18th. We can send up to 4 people. Let's plan. We need to prepare and submit the Corporate Excise by March 15th and update and submit the Annual Report.