

enVision Montpelier
Stakeholder Meeting
Natural Environment Committee
Notes from September 11, 2007

The meeting was convened at 7:00. Those present included: Rebecca Leet, Claire Benedict, Jean Jolley, Ken Matzner, Carolyn Gradinsky, Paul Guare, Joseph Kiefer, John Wives, Kenric Kite, Ken Jones, and Jackie LeBlanc.

Learning Objectives

Attendees introduced themselves and reviewed the Draft Learning Objectives. Concerns were brought up regarding differences in the Draft Learning Objectives reviewed at the meeting and the Learning Objectives that the Committee had produced. The Learning Objectives reviewed included the categories of:

- Food and Pollination
- Water Quantity and Quality
- Air
- Biodiversity: Plants and Animals
- Energy
- Waste Assimilation
- Climate

It was noted that the category of 'Land' was missing or had been turned into the category of 'Biodiversity'. Group members thought that 'Waste Assimilation' should be replaced with 'Waste Materials Management'. These two categories were reviewed thoroughly and questions were brought up as to whether or not some questions were too general, or included the entire state of Vermont, rather than just Montpelier. Members suggested adding to the 'Land' category the question of, 'How do we measure for the ecological balance of all species present?'

Outstanding Issues

The committee listserv was explained to the group and it was decided that members with input will add ideas to the databases created through the listserv before the next meeting. Outstanding issues or possible organizations or individuals to contact should be included. The Planning and Community Development office staff will be responsible for adding new group members to the listserv, sending directions on how to reach the existing database, and provide a list of group member names for all.

Chair/Co-chair

Carolyn Gradinsky was nominated for the role of Committee Chair, and she agreed to start as a 'Temporary Committee Chair.' Claire Benedict was nominated to serve as the Committee Co-Chair.

Next Meeting

The next Natural Environment Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. This site will be determined by the Planning and Community Development office staff.