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Toy Town Community Partnership



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WINCHENDON TOWN CLERK

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2019

4th floor meeting room

109 Front Street 01475

Participants: Leston Goodrich, Art Amenta, Jane LaPointe, Tracy Murphy, Lorraine Fortugno, Dave Romanowski, Elaine Mroz, Ken LaBrack, Cindy Boucher

Recording Secretary: Nicole Roberts

Meeting called to order at 3:36 PM

No public comments

New Business

Ayn Yeagle MS, RD, Executive Director from Growing Places, along with Chelsea Patriss from CHNA9 were guests at the meeting. They spoke of the priority areas in our region in which assistance is most needed, healthy food access was one of the 5 top priority health issues in North Central MA

Location

- food is obtained:
 - 53% purchase at supermarkets, 12% superstores, 8% mainly at dollar stores, 7% warehouse stores, 7% and convenience stores, 8% food pantries.
- Main forms of transportation:
 - 61% drive self, 16% walking, 15% having someone drive them, 5% use public transportation
- Additional locations where food is obtained:
 - 22% fast food, 24% farmer's markets, 9% own vegetable gardens, 4% school, 10% church/ community organizations, 4% senior meal site, 1.5% use community gardens

PILOTS / WORK UNDERWAY / RESOURCES SECURED

Winchendon Community Gardens and Food Justice with The Winchendon School CAC, YMCA, Senior Center and Toy Town Elementary

Teaching Garden for Kids – STEM to Student
Ardmore Institute of Health
Pop-up Mobile Market and Healthy Food Access Coordinator
Montachusett Public Health Network
Hub and Spoke Model Business Plan (older adult focus)
Community Supported Agriculture Meal Kits
Tufts Health Plan Foundation

Growing Places connects community through real food, 224 individuals served, 3 focus areas (Gardening and Nutrition Education, Healthy Food Access, Environmental Sustainability. Five staff members and 100+ volunteers, across 5 communities; Clinton, Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner and Winchendon.

With the grant from Tufts it will allow Growing Places to create a Hub and Spoke Food System Model:

- Complete a feasibility study of the IGA
- Market Analysis of resident purchasing habits
- Pilot CSA meal kits and mobile pop up market. Kitchen in Winchendon with new existing new and existing community agriculture infrastructure
- Create a formal business plan

Subcommittee Updates

Master Plan- It is suggested to add a health and wellbeing chapter to the Master Plan.

Planning and Development Updates

Winchendon ADA Public Rights of Way (PROW) Transportation Plan, a survey will be distributed through town buildings to get public input.

Next meeting scheduled for 9/3/19 @ 4:00PM

Motion made by Elaine to adjourn meeting, meeting adjourned 4:49pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Roberts
Land Use and Planning Clerk

Minutes unanimously accepted VIA ZOOM (PK)