

Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds July 23, 2025

Called to order 5:34

Attendees: Kim Moore, Teresa Newton, Kent Butterfield, Deborah Aldrich, Bill Edgerton, Cindy Metcalf, Allysa Levy, Nicole Lambert

Stockbridge Community Meals - We reviewed financials for 2025. There was a check for \$4,100 in January. Trustees will follow up to confirm whether or not it was cashed. SCM was expecting 18k due to their match eligibility from the trustees. Deborah presumed the remainder of 18k had already been spent by SCM. SCM spends minimum 2k/week. \$850 for food, 1k for labor, remainder spent on supplies: labels, containers, etc.

SCM sources of other grants includes 2 different family foundations and 1 donor, all anonymous. In addition they will receive 2k from Mascoma and 5k from Killington ski resorts in Q3. Q2 saw an increase of 2k in in-kind donations. Delivery to Randolph & Rochester began. A Valley News article increased awareness of the program. There are pick ups in those towns. Delivery customers are subscribers, with a sliding scale for elderly clients.

Can SCM coordinate with BAFS? Cindy and Deborah are eager to start that conversation, especially given uncertainty at the federal funding level and current unpredictable environment. We anticipate more demands on our funds as federal and state funds become less reliable. Deborah appreciates the support of TPF. An appreciation will be added to the SCM website. Subscribers are contributing \$400/week more than the amount those meals cost.

Kim asked for outreach to Randolph and Rochester food shelves. What is SCM board vision for the future? They are setting income targets, wish to continue to partner with TPF, enhance outreach to non-Stockbridge communities. Begin outreach to local businesses. They are anticipating modest growth per 2026 income goals. 20k TPF, 20k from Killington, 70k from subscribers, 6k smaller grants.

Currently there are 36 subscribers at 1,012/wk taking about 40 containers of food. The goal is 3 new subscribers/quarter. 50 subscriber units. A unit is \$20/week. Goal for 2026 is 56 units. Working with Mission Farms in Killington for distribution. If Killington or TPF pulls out there would need to redouble fundraising efforts, obtaining more upper end subscribers. Individual trust and research on how money can be spent.

BAFS - Per Cindy BAFS started in 2023 and appreciates our support and is currently financially stable. They are studying sustainability and flexibility in uncertain times. A grant from Vermont Food Bank allows them to work with 7 other food shelves in VT. Task force has been formed which includes the president of the Randolph food shelf. BAFS has 67 volunteers. Over all there may be up to 85 volunteers working on food insecurity. Impacts of SNAP and medicaid cuts have yet to be seen. Root causes of food insecurity are being examined. Childcare,

transportation, healthcare are all factors. A collaboration Project starts in August and will last 9 months. The SoRo market putting together a food hub concept. Local food should be integrated.

Meals on Wheels Kent Butterfield and Nicole Lambert Executive Director of Quin Town Senior Services are also participating in these conversations. Cindy - invites this group to join the task force. Collaboration is important. Can Deborah's connection with farms be leveraged? How can we control costs? Approaches to complement each other, farms, stores, cooks, donors, etc. Is Capstone involved? Unhoused folks come into BAFS and it is difficult to know how exactly to help.

What is the public policy side of this? Hunger Free Vermont assessing and advocating.

Food insecurity will be a part of the new Bethel town plan. Bill wants to enhance the connection to schools and food programs and is working with One Planet during summer. Can SCM use the SCS kitchen when it is not being used for students. That would lower costs and increase the quality of SCM food. The PTA involved kids growing food and understanding nutrition as part of the curriculum.

Kent - Quin Town (Meals on Wheels) offers different aspects of help to the community. They host meals in Hancock. Meals on Wheels clients are mostly from Rochester but Stockbridge has some clients as well. They took a hit during Covid, but in the last 3 or 4 months it has rebounded. They provide 3 meals/week in concert with SoRo food shelf which does 2 meals per week. Plus they provide social and safety interactions with seniors. They also provide frozen meals for off days. Fridays clients are given 2 meals for the weekend. They offer fresh fruit & vegetables and all meals are made from scratch. In Rochester transportation is an issue. Stagecoach has been unreliable. Seniors who are shut ins often lack resources to improve their living situation. They also use BAFS. Quin town is attempting to upgrade their kitchen. They received 3k from TPF and a new freezer from VT Community foundation. They work with the Central VT council on Aging.

Can the trustees pull together different organizations to collaborate?

Motion to go into exec session for funding conversation.

Executive session ended at 7:31

Adjourned - 7:32

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