



**Burlington Food Council  
June 8, 2009  
9 – 10:30 AM, Fletcher Free Library, Pickering Rm.  
Minutes**

***Facilitator: Jennifer Cirillo  
Note taker: Erika Merrell  
Timekeeper: Jennifer Cirillo***

***Present: Chris Simard- Intervale intern, Nina Dahlstedt Buss- Health Dept, Mandy Davis- Intervale, Santina Leporati- Intervale intern, Jen Cirillo- Shelburne Farms, Bobby Young- BSFP, Julie Cole- Fletcher Allen, Sharon Alajajian- Fletcher Allen intern, Alyssa Nathanson VFN/Health Dept., Beth McKellips- Intervale intern, Jess Sankey- CSWD, Sarah Heim- UVM Campus Kitchens, Peter Gossens- UVM Campus Kitchens, Clem Nilan- City Market, Matt Tucker- Friends of Burlington Gardens, Jennifer Green- Burlington Legacy Project, Erika Merrell- Legacy Project***

**9- 9:05            Approval of Minutes (5 minutes)**

Minutes approved

**9:05 – 9:10    Introductions (5 minutes)**

**9:10 – 9:30    Committee Updates (20 minutes)**

***Strategic Planning Committee***

- FC will be co-sponsoring Thursdays at the Intervale event- “your Food, Your Community” Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>. Other sponsors include Burlington Permaculture, Intervale, and others. It does not cost anything to sponsor. Food/agriculture-related organizations will likely have tabling info. Event will be a chance to talk with other groups. There will be Flatbread pizza, beer, and music.
- Survey for food/garden related organizations- The FC will be surveying other groups to help determine the direction of our group (and to add more members to FC). What is best way to survey? Direct contact- FC members phoning groups/individuals they know. Survey monkey? Survey has 8-10 questions. Should a grad student take this on in the fall? Or do we want info compiled by August Intervale event?

- Intervale- 3 interns working on projects that relate to the FC
  - Santana- fruit trees in urban areas
  - Chris- FCs around the US- what can we learn from these groups?
  - Beth- strategic land use plan for Chittenden County
- All of our goals fit under “nutrition education” – maybe a CDC grant could help fund FC because of this

### ***Communication and Coordination Committee***

- Resolution for City Council to recognize Food Council- have drafted and will be introduced at June 22 City Council meeting. Nancy Kaplan and David Berezniak will introduce resolution.
- Green Drinks- The FC will host a “Green Drinks” event at the Skinny Pancake on Tues. June 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30- 7:30 PM.
- Website- continuing to talk with Union Street Media about revamping site.

### **Community Outreach and Education Committee**

- Have been choosing speakers
- More community events?

### **9:30- 9:40 Process for choosing guest speakers (10 minutes)**

Outreach and education group will come up with a few suggestions, then we will discuss/vote at FC mtg. 2 months prior.

Beth McKellips (Intervale) will be the speaker at our next meeting and will discuss her findings on Chittenden County food production, consumption, etc.

### **9:40 – 10:00 Education and Enrichment: Guest speaker- Clem Nilan, City Market General Manager (20 minutes)**

#### ***Food Access-***

Chittenden County Food Shelf rip off coupons  
 Food For All program  
 Free Thursday meals for senior housing  
 Senior discount  
 Delivery service

#### ***Food Supply-***

85% food from VT leaves state  
 #1 import in VT is food

### **10:00 – 10:20 Connection to Burlington Food Council (20 minutes)**

Cooking classes? Julie Cole/Fletcher Allen and UVM Campus Kitchens may be able to help.

Jess Sankey- CSWD- school compost. One Milton school saved \$7000 in trash hauling fees because compost being taken away for free. How get compost to farms that are growing school food?

**10:20 – 10:30 Wrap-Up and Evaluation (10 minutes)**

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Jen C- good facilitation

Connections to Clem's talk

Process for choosing speakers

New people

On-going events

Change for next time

Table set up

Challenges w/o Matt and Erika, and others?

**Next Meeting- August 10<sup>th</sup> 9- 10:30 AM Fletcher Free Library, Pickering Room**