Sustainable Food System Task Force
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Next Steps:
June Retreat: June 4th, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Joanne Burke’s house, directions TBA.
  ◦ Bring thoughts about the Master Plan process, what suggestions could be made: Should this group go on record in writing?
  ◦ Look at the upcoming year: Find 1 or 2 things to spearhead
  ◦ Should we conduct a needs assessment?
    ■ What would other groups like to see us do?
    ■ Contacting UNH farms? Invite to retreat?

Meeting Minutes

Updates from Charlie French:
  ● Working in North country and some VT towns on sustainable food system planning
    ◦ In planning process for more vibrant food systems
    ◦ Want to be the hub of resources
    ◦ 3 subcommittees
      ■ Health/nutrition – food access
      ■ Farming viability
      ■ Marketing
    ◦ There are similar efforts in Keene and Laconia
  ● Seafood
    ◦ Seafood issues
      ■ Low cost imports are undercutting local markets
      ■ Sector management program has effected NH Regulations in quotas of groundfish
      ■ Cuts because landing in Gloucester MA weren’t counted
        Direct sales represent only a fraction of actual fish catches in the state
    ◦ Working to help address issues through:
      ■ Tracking systems—tracking where catches are brought/sold
      ■ Regulations
      ■ Traceability
      ■ Trying to develop new/alternative markets as well as expand traditional markets
      ■ Purchasing virtually in real time
        Can purchase online as catches are reported in real time, before boat is back in port
Joanne Burke/Food Solutions New England:
- Second annual New England Food Summit in June in VT. Includes delegations from each of the New England states and crosscutting delegation of individuals working at a regional level.
- Out of last summit came the New England Good Food Vision, which is a vision to have 80% of New England’s food grown in New England by 2060.
- Delegate model for summits
  - Limits on constraints of who picked
  - But also forming successful structure
  - Too many obvious people in the field, 10-12 delegates per state
  - Prior to summit, hoping to have a day with NH delegates
- Rich Pirog is presenting. He coauthored a recent report on regional food systems that we will send around. Should we bring Rich to campus to meet with this group in June? Some thought it was a good idea; might not be feasible with Rich’s/other people’s schedules.

Campus Master Plan
- Should this group go on record in writing? Not to be the voice but to be part of a collective voice
- Not sure we should take a position per se but should express that we want to see the process go forward in a way that really engages the community and solicits community input
- How does Master Plan feed into and support the Strategic Plan? -- We could ask Doug and others to come to a future meeting to provide an update on the process. The group liked this idea.

UVM Food System Spire
- Has Sustainable Food System Blog. Should we do something similar?
  - We would need to designate authors
  - Blog has downloadable excel on research on campus
  - Blog vs. E-newsletter: depends on audience
  - Is this too premature for this group?—seemed to be the general consensus at this phase.

CORE Inventory Update

Curriculum
- Still need to get syllabi
- Will use STARS inventory and Sust. Ag and Food Systems electives for initial cut to get a sense of courses offered
- Must include Fisheries and Humanities

Operations
- Edited list – Clayton sending to Margaret
○ Changed some wording, removed some things that were more

Engagement

Research
• Steve Folking made a list, will put it up on Wiki
• Focusing on the current or including the past also??

Engagement
• Planning to meet soon