**The Rowland Cooperative**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 16, 2013**

**Attended:** Lorraine Bentley, Kenny Christianson, Christine Foland, Laurel Mason, Winne Olsen

Meeting called to order 12:12 PM.

**1. Farmer’s Market**

The group revisited the current plan. The market would supply fresh produce, staples such as milk, eggs, and peanut butter, as well as Norwegian delicacies obtained from Haram Christiansen.

Winnie reviewed her findings of possible sources of fresh produce:

* Greg Swartz from Willow Wisp Farm who is involved in a Community Supported Agriculture undertaking.
* Ant Hill Farm. They have a website.

Bobby Tellefsen stopped by the meeting. He told us that his primary provider of fresh produce is Maine’s. Another possibility for produce is Pocono Produce.

He also shared some of the coming attractions for the Rowland Café. These include becoming a music venue for bands that target teens. The Lackawaxen River Conservancy also can use the site to show movies for outreach.

**2. Other Projects**

There is still interest in refurbishing local sites of sentimental and historic interest.

Laurel raised again the possibility that a greenhouse could be constructed on her property to grow produce for the Coop.

**3. Promoting the Coop**

The group discussed and helped create a draft poster and letter to be used to promote the Coop. Lorraine has provided a mailing list that she compiled of individuals who purchased the “Little Norway” books.

Kenny will ask his daughter Maddy and Laurel’s daughter Diana to create a logo for the Coop.

The Coop may consider creating a community website.

The group decided to hold a general information meeting on April 27, 2013 at the Rowland Café.

**4. Membership**

The group agreed that the Coop should try to attract members who are not local but have a personal attachment to Rowland. The group revisited levels of membership:

* Founders—contribution of $1000
* Trustees—contribution of $500
* Lifetime members—contribution of $250
* Annual members—annual dues of $15 per family

Other nomenclature is still under consideration

**5. Next steps**

Kenney will create a poster and write a letter. He will email them to the group for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 PM