

## CANAAN HEART & SOUL – NATURALLY CONNECTED

WHO: Network Analysis Sub-Committee

WHAT: Meeting Minutes

WHEN: January 5, 2017

WHERE: Canaan Town Offices

The Network Analysis Sub-Committee reviewed the agenda that was sent out by the Canaan Heart & Soul Coach for the January 2017 Canaan Heart & Soul Team (the Team) Meeting. The agenda starts with what the Team has already covered at several events and it was felt that there is information that we have put together as part of our network analysis. The question "Is there more that we can do yes without a doubt and we reviewed a questionnaire that would help us meet that goal" needs to be asked.

The Network Analysis Sub-Committee plans on sharing the *Capacity Inventory of Individuals* at the January Team meeting. Greg saw the Capacity Inventory of Individuals presented at a meeting he attended that was sponsored by the UVM Extension. Diana is going to send a copy to Coach. The Network Analysis Sub-Committee will also explain how they will gather this information at the next Team meeting.

The Canaan Historical Committee has created a video of interviews of local residents in the local area. Greg will meet with them to see if they will let us use that to see if there is something we are missing. Greg will stress to them that the Canaan Heart & Soul Team is not trying to take away what they have done in this process and, indeed, attribute credit to them.

The Network Analysis Sub-Committee all agreed that they want to stick with the H&S process. This is very important to us.

It should be noted that that the general feeling of the group is that failure in this process is not an option and the Sub-Committee believes that the H&S process needs to run parallel with our identified projects (also review current list and see if new ideas have surfaced).

Many have been hearing this from the Heart & Soul Team for some time and the Team needs to find a way to make it happen. If Team members want to pick a project that has been identified, the entire Team needs to let them run with that project. In this way they can go out in the community and get individuals that share the same interest in the project.

For example, there are people that would like to get a community garden started and they are not currently active on the team. This could be a project that could grow into the school participating and with Team assistance could grow to building green houses. The Sub-Committee felt that the Team needs more members, and they will get more if we start working on the identified projects.

Greg has been in contact with Ben Doyle, USDA-RD, and he is still interested in helping in anyway he can to get the housing rehab project funded in some way to benefit the program and provide compensation for the students. Efforts have been made to help homeowners that are having trouble maintaining or being able to stay in their homes due to health or financial issues. Ben is also willing to attend one of our Team meetings and bring in a Rural Edge representative to help. Greg told Ben that it could be brought up at the next Team meeting and a date could be identified that would provide time to cover this issue.

Diana and Greg will be reviewing the grant application to the Tillotson Foundation and they are interested to hear the Coach's thoughts.

Observation: It was a good meeting as the group discussed other items that they feel would benefit our mission and has the potential of bringing more potential members to our team.

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