

**BORDERLANDS  
VILLAGE INNOVATION  
PILOT TEAM MEETING**

**Killingly Public Library, Community Room  
Westcott Road  
October 23, 2008, 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Janice Thurlow Co-Chair, Virge Lorents, Ed Eramian, Peggy Weaver, Bruce Weaver, and John Lambert

Staff Present: Sue Westa and Linda Walden. Elsie Bisset was absent with notification.

Janice Thurlow called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM

The minutes were accepted as written

**Workshop, 10/27**

Sue Westa said Peter Flinker was absent this evening due to a MV accident. He sent an agenda for the October 27 workshop which Sue Westa reviewed. There was discussion on the allotted time periods. Janice Thurlow said she prefers a timed agenda as it keeps things moving. Sue Westa said the UConn students and pilot team members will help move the exercises along. The pilot team should be there (Westfield Congregational) about 4 to 4:30 to help set up and to meet the students and their faculty. Sue said that she met the students at route 101 this past Monday and the Historical Society opened up for them to do research. Peggy Weaver asked questions on the exercises. Janice Thurlow explained that the exercises will build upon each other. Ed Eramian and Virge Lorents both said to shorten the background time to keep everyone's attention. The students will present history of the area and glean information to begin their projects for their classes. Virge Lorents offered to bring her photos to build awareness for the corridor.

**Public Outreach for the workshop**

Virge Lorents has gone door to door from the motel to Pettingill Road. She will try east of Pettingill if Donna Bronwell isn't able to get there. Linda Walden said she knew Donna Bronwell had taken flyers to the EK Fire District meeting. Ed Eramian said he has seen flyers at Foods n Fudge. Virge Lorents said Donna Bronwell has also taken them to the grange and everywhere she goes. Janice Thurlow will go to 4G's, Mozzarella's and Jack's Liquors. Zip's has been covered. Virge Lorents has been to the Laundromat and the Extra mart in Dayville. Ed Eramian will do Union Baptist Church. Peggy and Bruce Weaver will get flyers from Virge. Sue Westa urged everyone to spread the word.

**Discovery Training report:**

Virge Lorents said Ed Eramian has become the "living embodiment of the process". He had used the Discovery Process previously with his own mill project. Janice Thurlow said it is another tool for the future. For Orton's Maine project, the Discovery training will be at the beginning of the process. Ed Eramian expressed thanks for Orton's commitment to this project. Virge Lorents said the consultants, Trish and Kevin, were much focused and accomplished a lot in the time they

were here. She suggested hiring an outside consultant for the second phase – it is worth it. Even if it is a local person, they then get the time needed to dedicate to the project. Janice Thurlow said people seemed more comfortable talking to a “stranger”.

**Other:**

**The November meeting is changed to November 13** due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The October workshop will be reviewed.

Save the date: On Friday, December 5, 2008, the UConn students will give their presentations from 1 to 4 PM at UConn. As many of the pilot team members as can attend are invited. Bruce Weaver suggested a video tape be made for channel 20. Janice Thurlow will follow up with channel 20 on this. Sue Westa will ask the capabilities at UConn for this. She will provide the details for the Dec 5 presentations to us at the November meeting. Janice Thurlow suggested a van or carpooling. Sue Westa will get us a map of campus and parking passes.

Sue Westa mentioned that she was interviewed about the project by a high school class for a local Exeter website. Virge Lorents said a group from Haven Healthcare went to KHS. That would be a good group to interview.

Sue Westa said we are solid on funding

The December 5 presentations will be in lieu of a regular December meeting.

Linda Walden asked about a regional meeting. Sue Westa said one was discussed on a conference call but not finalized. She will keep us informed. Lincoln Land Institute will be meeting with Exeter and it will be open to other Borderlands towns.

- **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be **Thursday, November 13 at the library at 7 PM.**

Adjournment - At 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Walden  
Recording Clerk