



**BORDERLANDS
VILLAGE INNOVATION
PILOT TEAM MEETING**

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JANUARY 24, 2008**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Thomas McMillan, Michael Cerullo, Marnei Lacouture, Helen Buchanan, Peter Wilbur, Richard Schartner, Daniel Cotta, Bill Stamp, Tom Sawicky, Robert Pacheco, Bill Warner, Pati deWardener, Jay Drew, Joseph Walch, Frank DiGregorio, Scott Millar - Chairperson, Jody Willis, Ed Manlo (Hopkinton), David Schweid – Planner, Ariana McBride – RIIEPC, Susan Westa – VIP Coordinator

- Scott Millar called the meeting to order at 6:27 and all attendees introduced themselves.
- *Overview* – Ariana McBride gave an overview and history of the Borderlands Project and the Village Innovation Pilot (VIP). Ariana discussed structure of the VIP and the role of the Pilot team.
- *Vendors* – There was a discussion of the role of the consultants. It was felt that they should be facilitators. Folks wanted to know if we'd be dealing with junior staff or partners. Ariana said those are good questions for the consultants and clarified that it could be the same consultant for each town or two different ones.

Other consultant questions included: if they will share examples from other towns; will they incorporate larger trends into the context; landowner/farmer concerned about being controlled.

- *Evaluation* – Ariana gave an overview of the project evaluation process. Noting there will be a series of 3 surveys, starting with a pre-project survey.
- *Orton Visit* – There was a suggestion to have dinner with the Orton folks prior to the consultant presentation on Tues. evening. Anyone who would like to participate should let Susan Westa know.



- *Coordinator* – Susan Westa, the new Borderlands VIP Coordinator was introduced. Susan gave an overview of her background and the Green Valley Institute. Susan will work half time at both positions for the next year to, hopefully, 18 months.
- *Vision* – There were some question about how this vision would be implemented by this advisory group. Scott Millar explained that it would be incorporated into the town’s comprehensive plan and regulations. Some were concerned about the process becoming politicized.
- *Recording Secretary* – There was a request for a volunteer to serve as the recording secretary for this project but no one volunteered. There was a suggestion that this might be a rotating position. Ariana take minutes at the next meeting.
- *Monthly Meetings* - The team decided they would like to meet on the 4th Wed. of each month at the Library. David Schweid will check on the availability. It was agreed that decision-making should be by consensus.
- *Post Vendor Presentation Discussion* – There was a discussion about weather or not another meeting would be required. The group decided to wait to see how they felt after the presentations.
- *Adjourned* – The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.