MIC Meeting
8/8/14

Introduction: Roger Berle

Attendees:

MIC
- Roger Berle - Cliff Island
- Tom Powell - Cranberry Isles
- Eva Murray - Matinicus
- Kathy Warren - Vinalhaven
- Kendra Chubbuck - Isle au Haut
- Beverly Roxby - Frenchboro
- Donna Wiegle - Swan’s Island
- Cheryl Crowley - Cliff Island
- Mark Greene - Long Island
- MaryAnne Mitchell - Peaks Island

Island Institute, cont.
- Heather Deese - Vice President, Strategic Development
- Karen Burns - Community Development Director
- Kate Tagai - Community Development Associate

Visitors
- Casey - Kendra Jo’s Friend
- Steve Hanson - Owls Head
- John DeWitt - Isle au Haut

Legislature
- Chris Rector - Angus Kings Office

Island Institute
- Michelle Smith - Donor Relations Director
- Nick Batista - Marine Programs Director
- Rob Snyder - President
- Janet Bosworth - Grants Associate
- Suzanne McDonald - Energy Programs Director
- Brooks Winner - Energy Programs Associate
- Kendra Jo Marsh - Islesboro Fellow
**MIC Business:**

Minutes of the previous meeting presented by Roger Berle, and accepted by the MIC Members with no additions, corrections, or questions.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Roger presented the Treasurer’s report on behalf of Rudy. He reported the MIC is way ahead of past years in getting assessments paid. There has been $2400 in dues sent in thus far. Roger will follow up with the few who have not yet paid.

Questions about payment should go through Roger or Karen Burns.

Approved without additions, corrections, or questions.

**Island Institute Updates:**

**Education Programming:**

Weatherblur did not receive additional NSF funding, but there is support to keep it running. It grew out of the STORMS project a few years ago. Ruth Kermish Allen will be assessing the impact of the program this year. Half million dollars in USDA funds were received to upgrade or install video conferencing equipment in Island and remote schools, including technical support, training, and programming to make sure that the technology gets used and is useful to everyone.

**Energy Programing:**

Ciera Project is the Island Institutes first major partnership with the College of the Atlantic. Five Islanders are headed to Samso Island to the Energy Academy with staff from the Island Institute, faculty and students from COA.

The Islander’s participating in the Ciera Project are being asked to launch energy initiative projects with community significance. So, members of MIC are being asked to reach out and talk with Ciera participants on their islands to talk about possible initiatives. A lot of the projects are focused on renewables, but the participants have been asked not to get too specific until after the trip to the Samso Island.

Matinicus is in the middle of crafting their proposal to the USDA to upgrade their system. Monhegan has submitted their proposal.

Weatherization Weeks are going ahead through the fall.

Weatherization Week has happened on Long Island and they are continuing to insulate houses.

Beverly Roxby asked: How do we increase incentives to get people to really plug into these programs and promote weatherization?
Suzanne MacDonald: Another resource that is always available: building interior storm window inserts. The island institute has money to build windows for community buildings.

Island Energy conference- regional affair from New England and remote Alaska- there is a remote participation option.

Suzanne: The propane shortage from last year is likely to be repeated this year. It isn’t just an island issue, but islands are at the end of the line. The Energy team is proposing to convene some of the dealers to talk about how the issues can be resolved. Another suggestion is to stock pile as much fuel as possible now.

Eva Murray: She is a supplier on Matinicus and Maine Energy has never actually told her that there is a shortage. She thinks that dealing with Islands is extra work and without a lot of buying power there isn’t an incentive to serve islands. The islands often deal with small suppliers who have less buying power and who weren’t getting all the propane that they ordered.

Suzanne: Please keep in touch and let Brooks and Suzanne know of problems so that they can be proactive about communication around the fuel supply issues.

Staffing update: Andy Dorr has moved to be the Vinalhaven Town Manager, but there will be a new Energy Associate and an Island Fellow who will be focusing on Energy Issues and the Diesel islands.

Marine Update:

Nick Battista- The Ocean Acidification Marine Commission had their first meeting and are putting together a report over the next couple of months with suggestions for the state on dealing with Ocean Acidification.

The Island Institute is running a series of workshops being run on OA impacts on communities and predictive marine species forecasting.

UMaine was awarded a grant to focus on Aquaculture and shell-fish aquaculture in particular and advancing aquaculture technology in the state.

New England Fisheries Management Council- Habitat Amendment moving forward on proposed closure area from Isle au Haut to Beals Island - one option would close it to herring fishing, the other closer would be dragging for ground fish in that area. Pre-meeting in Rockland last week. It should come out in September and will have a public comment period. If you would like more information, contact Nick and he will forward the Powerpoint on for people to look at.

Community Development:

There are 9 summer interns this year. Interns are high school juniors and seniors or college students working on their home islands. There are 3 on Chebeague, 1 on Swan’s, 1 on Vinalhaven, 2 on North Haven, 2 on Islesboro. We are trying to grow the program and provide opportunities for students and to support small island businesses. Want them to realize that they can do meaningful work on the islands, and they don’t have to go somewhere else. There is a scale for hours and payment to allow for flexibility for both the students and the businesses. Spread the word.
The Island Fellows program is in transition. There are 7 Fellows finishing their service, and 7 new Fellows who will come in September. There are 3 Fellows who are continuing on: Kendra Jo March on Islesboro, Ian Watkins on Deer Isle, and Kelsey Byrd on Vinalhaven.

The seven new fellows placement are:

COA partnership/History of Agriculture with Great Cranberry Island Historical Society
Frenchboro School and Service Learning Fellow
Diesel Islands Fellow (working with Matinicus and Monhegan)
Town of Isle Au Haut Fellowship
Chebeague Fire and Rescue Fellowship
Casco Bay Estuary Partnership Fellow (will be placed on Long Island)
Elder Care Fellow (working with Chebeague, North Haven, Swan’s Island and Vinalhaven)

There was some discussion about the Elder Care Fellow placement.

Kendra Chubbuck: Other islands would be very interested in the information that comes out of the Elder Care Fellowship. Margaret Snell did a survey with the Sea Coast Mission on the Isle au Haut Elder Care situation that could help the Fellow in forming an overall picture of the Elder Care situation.

The Elder Care Fellow will tap into existing programs and existing resources as much as the host sites want (i.e. The Seacoast Mission and the Elder Care Conference.) If you have ideas and resources that would be useful for the Elder Care Fellow to know about, please send them to Karen.

The Island Fellows Pager will be sent around to MIC members when it is ready in September. There is an Island Intern’s pager available right now, if anyone is interested.

Economic Development:

This is an area without a current program director, but one will be hired soon. Shey Conover will be developing protocol for hiring for that position as she is currently working as acting Director on top of her role as Vice President of Operations.

Media:

There are some minor changes in the Working Waterfront including themed issues. Tom Groening is always looking for feedback, story ideas, and articles.

Open House is ongoing this afternoon and the On The Edge performance written by Eva Murray is tonight.

There is a launch next week on Mount Desert Island of the Island Institute’s Partnership with COA. There are four focus areas defining the partnership. These include Energy, Education, Impacts of Climate Change, and Agriculture and Local Food Systems.
Maine State Ferry Service Update:

Rob Snyder attended the MSFS Ferry advisory board meeting. The Island Institute was asked to facilitate the creation of a legislative report. The Ferry service has been providing a defacto one page report to the legislature every year. This year, the Island institute will help facilitate the advisory board in the creation of that report. The timing isn’t ideal because it misses the legislative session. The intention is to have the ferry advisory board take the lead in years to come. There is an opportunity to strengthen the Ferry Advisory Board so that it becomes as it was intended by the legislation.

Eva: There is a skism between members of the board and the DOT so the Island Institute is being asked to lend neutrality and credential to the situation. But the Institute needs to be careful to ensure it doesn’t become the rope in the tug of war. The advisory board shouldn’t need an outside institution to do this, but the DOT has been writing the report for the DOT, so this year it needs to be a high quality report so that it is taken seriously.

Donna Wiegel: This is thrilling news. The Swan’s island Ferry Service has had a lot of turnover and the new employees aren’t getting the training they need. The captain had to leave the wheelhouse to park cars, and that just isn’t appropriate.

Kathy Warren: This is absolutely the direction that it needs to go. I am glad we’ve taken ownership of the report, but we don’t want to lose the urgency of the situation. The fact that the DOT was creating a report for the DOT is an issue. There are safety issues that are not being addressed and that needs to be brought before the legislature. There are larger wage and hour issues, where the data isn’t available to use. AB’s are temporary employees who have never done safety drills with the crew because they are shifted so much. For safety drills to be run, boat runs must be canceled.

Rep. Welsh: The committee is an important player in holding the Ferry Service accountable.

Beverly: The Frenchboro ramp presents an OSHA safely issues.

Report of from SustainME

Michelle: The July 12th SustainME Conference went very smoothly. The key note and breakout sessions reflected the breadth of Maine’s economy from technology to creative economies to intellectual property rights. All stages from just thinking about an idea, to those who are in various stages of implementations.

Roger came over with folks from Cliff and they left the day really inspired to take action. That alone, raising aspirations and exposing resources available was critical. Roger says the Conference allowed people to realize that their ambitions have a chance at becoming reality.

Beverly: is there a way you have a road show to bring the ideas to the islands that couldn’t get to the conference?

Heather: Next steps include hiring a new Economic Development Director to tap into resources around the state and connect all the islands around this work and collate which islands want what kind of work and resources. The EDD will be the one who decides to move forward with another SustainME. Shey
Conover needs a hug for wearing multiple hats and everyone involved on Chebeague did a really outstanding job finding sponsorship to support the cost of the conference.

Chris Rector: Extraordinary event that was well executed. There was a synergy from having the mainland businesses included because there are common struggles and differences that are important for everyone to think about. It is valuable for both sides to think about.

Kendra Chubbuck: Having the registration be subsidized for islanders was so important because July is the busy time and had to pay someone to work in the gift shop. Because of the cost, she was hesitant to come but it was well worth the money. She was able to reconnect with ISLE graduate friends that allowed for networking opportunities and some good inspiration.

Kathy Warren: The range of speakers was excellent. There was a high caliber cast of characters to interact and network with, and she travels around the state to TED conferences and this was on par.

Michelle: Credit goes to the organizers on Chebeague for reaching out to their networks.

Local Economic Development Initiatives:

Kathy: Growing out of the comprehensive planning process, Vinalhaven and North Haven offered to be guinea pigs for the Island Institute bringing Planning Decisions out of Portland to create an economic development plan, starting with community meetings. PD did some research around the ideas that came out of the community meetings, the report will be presented at the community meeting including some action items. There was a local group who took initiative to be the point people for this work, rather than the town itself.

Cheryl Crowley: Not having a town, who do they tap into to do that work? I don’t know what my resources are.

Kathy: I think all you need is interested parties, you own your local economy. We could share our plan as an example.

Heather: Also reach out to Shey and to the folks on North Haven who went through a similar process. They are talking about creating their own Chamber of Commerce or combining with Vinalhaven.

Kathy: A chamber of commerce is good because it provides a network to similar organizations who can bring info and ideas back to the island.

Legislative Session:

Rep. Joan Welsh: Economic Development for the whole state is on everyone’s mind. What sorts of things can the legislature do to help support that growth and development? The budget is also of huge concern as the legislature looks at how the state spends it’s budget. Health care will come up again in the next session as they continue to talk about how the affordable care act is being managed and if expanded Medicare that has been turned down by legislation in the past is necessary.
Kathy: Vinalhaven is 67% self-employed. Those that aren’t work for the school and the tax payers buy their health insurance. So the Affordable Care Act is being watched very closely and is extremely important in island communities.

Rep. Welsh: I am on the ENV/Nat Resource Committee. We are focusing on OA and point source pollution. The committee is also looking at landfills and solid waste issues, and is curious about how island’s address the issue and increase recycling.

Chris Rector: The NSF grant that UMaine and SEAGrant are administering will have a huge impact on Aquaculture.

Monday there will be a press conference at Maine Media College- 12:30 p.m 70 Camden St. Rockport for the Municipal Fiber Project- bringing fiberoptics to downtown Rockport. Senator King will be there as broadband is one of his focus projects. Susan Crawford will also be there, she is the Science and Tech advisor to President Obama and Mayor Bloomberg and the leading proponent of public funding broadband infrastructure.

Heather: As part of II’s strategic planning, expanding broadband was flagged as an important issue and there will be an RFP coming out in the fall around getting broadband to islands.

Chris Rector: FCC is just expanding the rules around experimental systems. Looking at where wireless fits in. The challenge is how to provide broadband in areas where density doesn’t exist.

Kathy: They have fiber coming to Vinalhaven in the extension cord they bought when the wind project went through, but the fiber cannot be accessed because of federal laws. Can municipalities access school systems because schools have more capacity than they realize?

Tom: Cranberries are working with GWI under the Connect America Fund, which helps rural communities with no broadband access.

Heather: Broadband and connectivity sits with the new Economic Development Director

Karen Burns: I have an update from Maine Affordable Housing Coalition- they are working on a bond to fund affordable housing for elders. The Genesis Fund is going to work to represent the needs of islanders in those discussions. Wednesday November 12th will be a conference in Portland. We will forward the information from the Maine AHC to the MIC list.

Heather: At the Island Institute, we will be tracking the renewable energy funding and Nick is always tracking what is going on with the Marine Committee.

Nick: Process Note: Legislative ideas will be due into the legislature- we are coming into the long session where we get to make changes to current laws and it will be 2 years before another session will be held again, so this is our chance. If there were state laws that need a little be more flexibility or need to be shifted slightly- this is the time to start thinking about those and how to bring those from ideas to legislative language.

Heather: The Island Communities have an outside influence in the legislature when they come together around an idea.
Cheryl: We need to talk about how to support the elder care facilities on the islands because that is becoming a huge issue that no one wants to look at these small facilities. Legislative changes need to happen to allow smaller facilities to function without being burdened under the same regulations that larger facilities have to comply with.

Kathy: This is slightly off topic, but the church on Vinalhaven is struggling and is linked into the seacoast mission, but is that something that other churches on other islands are struggling with? Do they get together or network at all?

Tom: In the off-season, the ministers do get together and meet. He is the minister on the Cranberries, but isn’t supported by the Seacoast mission. The Islesboro church is trying to revision itself, so it does happen.

Heather: There is a relationship between the town and the church on Isle au Haut, because the church is seen as a town resource, perhaps that is a model that could work for other small communities.

Town Check in:

(Instead of regular community check-ins, the decision was made to cover some topics that have been brought to the MIC for idea sharing).

Recycling:

Mary Anne Mitchell: On Peaks, so many people come out as day-trippers that it creates a waste issue. Public works was not picking up trash often enough and it was blowing into the water. MaryAnn wrote a grant for a big belly solar trash compactor ($45,000). The town went from collecting trash once a day to every other day with far less litter. The Big Belly Company also have containers for zero sort recycling, though Peak’s only has the trash compactors. There is a signal that gets sent out to public works when the compactor is full so it makes work flow more efficient. Compost bins are for sale at a discounted rate and rain barrels from the city of Portland. In Portland there is an organization called Garbage to Garden which is doing municipal scale composting. Cigarette butt litter is another problem. Town of Portland passed an ordinance that to drop a cigarette butt comes with a fine of $100, but it isn’t being enforced. Instead they have a “Butler” a metal can attached to poles that get collected and sent to a company in CA to recycle.

Kathy: Garbage to Garden does grants. The Vinalhaven School received one of their grants a few years ago.

Eva: Part of the problem with cigarette butts is the fire safety risk they pose and that could be added into the messaging to help people really be aware of hazards and use the proper system.

Donna: Swan’s implemented single stream recycling last year. The amount of recycled material exceeded predictions for the annual amount of recycling in the first 6 months. This demonstrated that the response has been incredible, despite the initial resistance to implementation. The transfer station looks really nice and the new transfer station manager maintains it really well. The selectmen are now
embracing recycling as their idea. The make-up of the committee had the right balance of diversity to really be successful and help garner widespread community buy in.

Kathy: Vinalhaven is now only recycling #2 plastic because there is no market for any of the other numbers.

Eva: The people who pick it up are able to call the shots, there are a number of different companies who collect recycling, but they only want what they have markets for. The markets change all the time.

Donna: Is there any town that charges residents to get rid of trash?

Portland is a pay system. Vinalhaven is a pay per bag via a sticker system so that no one else has to pay for anyone else's garbage. Matinicus pays for trash through the property taxes to create an incentive to use the transfer station, since you pay for it anyway.

Beverly: On Frenchboro some folks refuse to put trash in dumpster even if there is room. Also, they are having trouble finding anyone to take off cardboard. But there is recycling- not glass or metal. Returnable bottles are going in with the trash.

Donna: The Clynk program through Hannafords works as a fundraiser. She uses it for the Health Center. It is easy and there is no burden to have to count or worry if it has ME 5 cents, the machines count and sort. Go to CLYNK.com to open up an account.

Kathy: On Vinalhaven, they have a kiosk in the town parking lot for sorting bottles and all the proceeds go to the eldercare program. The bottle collection is run by volunteers. It is a good awareness for people and last year it paid for an entire Elder Care bed.

Mary Anne: On Peaks, there are so many bottles coming off the Casco Bay Lines, CLYNK will actually come to the boat to collect the bags.

Tom: On the Cranberries, recycling actually requires a barge to come and collect it. But at the moment they are taking everything. For the trash, there is a rule that nothing that smell can go into the trash. It has to be composted or disposed of some other way. Most of the problem comes in educating the summer community that there is a method in place and it isn't like living on the mainland. Town administrator recently renegotiated the contract.

Eva: Waste equipment can scale pretty quickly, so sometimes simple is the best way.

Mark Greene: We use a barge system, but we don’t do any of the hauling. The company that hauls does the swapping of the containers and it is very easy.

{Lunch Break}

Brief mutiny over the lack of broccoli salad at lunch. Preference has been noted.

Libraries:

Library on Matinicus is associated with the recycling system. It is a set of shelves at the transfer station.

Vinalhaven: The library doubled a few years ago in an infrastructure boom. It also runs a second hand book shop, Second Hand Prose that sells books. It generated $17,000 a few years ago, staffed by
volunteers. There is a paid librarian and assistant librarian. The books were all barcoded under an initiative by the Maine State Libraries so they have an idea of the circulation.

Frenchboro has a great library based on the honor system for borrowing. There has been a problem this year with vandalism. Camera was installed and then ripped out. The library maintains itself, so the question is how long to keep the library open or if to restrict the hours, since it is the only source of internet for some islanders. Summer residents are particularly fond of the library. The space is heated but sometimes people will turn the space heater on and forget to turn it off so it has to be monitored, but there isn’t a librarian. The Library Committee re-shelves the books. There are 5 people on the Committee.

A few book suggestions were suggested.

Beverly suggests: All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Dorr

Kathy suggests: Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

Mary Anne: On Peaks, magazine and paperback book exchange is out front of the library. It really caters to tourists who are looking for quick reads and locals who want free magazines or want to get rid of magazines.

Cheryl: On Cliff, the library isn’t heated in the winter. Residents can get a key but it is cold and isn’t winterized, though it does have a monitor heater.

Tom: Last winter on the Cranberry Isles, both Libraries ran out of heating fuel. The libraries are run separately. One is associated with the Community House and is still based on a card catalogue. They raise the money themselves. Great Cranberry Library serves a much larger summer community population and was founded with summer money so it reflects a different taste in books than the Islesford Library.

Heather: Grants to Green is a program to help renovate and restore Historic Community Buildings in use by non-profits for weatherization and upgrades. It does require a match. The program officer is very understanding- her name is Anne Ball. Tabitha King Foundation is very supportive of libraries and could be a place to look for the match. Brooks and Suzanne could work with communities to help them navigate the process.

Kathy: Cherie Galyeon who is a former Vinalhaven Island Fellow, works for the Maine Community Foundation now and knows what funding may be available.

Chris Rector: I was impressed by the Monhegan Book Mobile golf cart.

**Vehicle Registration:**

Junk Car Issues

Eva: On Matinicus, junk cars were the first solid waste initiative. Being a plantation, they can’t make town ordinances without going to the legislature. So they have one: the car deposit. Money was raised through town meeting to bring out a barge and the town spent a day filling a construction barge full of defunct cars. Shelly Bunker spearheaded the ordinance through the legislature. Now the process is, if you want to bring a car to the island, you need to go to the town office and put $250 in escrow with the
town. That way, if the car is abandoned, the town has money for tow and ferry fees. The hard part is that there is no way to police it, except one person who was willing to stand in the way of the islanders until they were able to make sure they had paperwork. But it is now routine enough people mostly accept it. Those who are just coming for a short time can get an exemption from the Town Office. The policy has been in place for over a decade now and it is working.

Vinalhaven: Town office does register vehicle and there are two garages that will do inspections. The Ferry has a policy not to carry unregistered, uninspected cars. Vinalhaven has state roads so they have to play by state rules.

Mark Greene: On Long Island, they have an island only registration that doesn’t come with a plate.

On Matinicus none of them are inspected because there isn’t a place on the island and you’d lose your car for a month if you had to bring it over to be inspected.

Generally much harder to enforce state inspection on Islands without state roads and car ferries.

**Harbor Management:**

Vinalhaven: Harbor ordinance but no Harbor Master (hard to keep in position) Mooring Fees are a point of contention. No open moorings in Carver’s Harbor.

Cliff Island has mooring fees and they are enforced.

Tom: The Cranberry Isles has two harbor masters: one for each island. And a harbor committee that gives best recommendations. The harbor master may act on them. Restricted in dedicated mooring fields to regulate high traffic areas. 4 guest moorings on each island. There isn’t a mooring fee on the guest moorings but there are individuals who will go out to collect the fee.

Matinicus has one guy who has moorings and charges for them, but is using public property for personal gain. The problem with them is that they are poorly sighted for Ferry traffic.

**Emergency Aid and Food Assistance::**

Swan’s island general assistance almost matched the city of Ellsworth. $35,000 was budgeted for general assistance. Everyone who asks will receive something. The Selectman are in charge, and there is a desire to put the decisions in the hands of a committee to control spending.

Governor was on Swan’s and Donna talked about the Island Lobster License Issues and the Ferry Issues with him.

Cliff Island: No emergency aid but there is an organization called Changing Tide that provides a support system for people in need that is based in Long Island. Cheryl hopes that Cliff Island can work towards creating something similar.

Long: Town of Long island has no money budgeted for general assistance. Changing Tide was established by a private donation. The person running the program is phasing out and the future of the
program is in jeopardy. A committee makes the decision, and it would be harder for the town making the decisions. It is done well and discreetly. Many islanders leave gifts in their wills and there are fundraising efforts.

Cranberries: Selectmen oversee the funds and authorize the tax collector to work on their behalf. This last winter broke so many budgets. Both Churches are looking at starting food pantries but must address the mold problem before food is put in for storage.

Peaks: Several people started a non-profit tax and fuel assistance program. The clergy determine who get the funds through an application process. The Peaks Island Council gave them money this year. There is a food pantry on the island through one of the churches that also collects food left behind by summer people at the end of the year. There are also store vouchers, but that system was being abused so it is being evaluated. Peaks also offers needs based ferry ticket system through the city for those who have chronic medical problem or those who have a financial need. The council approached the city and the vouchers are given to the agencies who are working with the people.

Heather: Shaw Fund for Mariner’s Children- usually work directly with Mariners for general assistance. As long as one family member makes their living “on the water” they can help with fuel, travel, child care assistance. Claire Tolius is the primary contact. Most of the staff are trained social workers- the website is iffy but they are fabulous on the phone.

Vinalhaven: Vinalhaven Community Outreach, Food Pantry and $6000 in general assistance from the town. The box in the basement of the church does personal care projects, snacks so kids can go to school with the same snacks as everyone else, and also a pet food pantry.

Health Centers:

Swan’s Health Center is town supported and has visiting doctors and dentists. They are also promoting health and wellness. In a grant funded “Get Fit” program, the collective group has lost over 100 pounds. There is also a pre-diabetes groups. The health center brings providers and programing to support preventative care and wellness programing.

Vinalhaven has a medical center and two ambulances. Wellness coalition involves all the different organizations and are currently working with the school on their substance abuse policy and also is encouraging substance abuse conversations in the community. The Wellness coalition is also focused on elder care and fitness. Two new nurse practitioners on staff and a dentist that comes out. Town funds EMS and Ambulance but does not contribute to the medical center. For the first time, the town has provided a bridge grant to help support the elder care center.

Long Island- no clinic, high speed rescue boat that can transport sick and injured to town in 15 minutes. They’ve connected with Falmouth. They could use a paramedic on the island, but they have some EMT’s.

Cliff islanders are working on bringing a clinic out once a month, and brainstorming what other options are available for on island medical services.

Kathy: Do fisherman pay personal property taxes on fishing equipment? Asking because it has been brought to her attention because farmers do, and they have been asking about it.
Resounding response: No.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on November 14th from 10-2 at the Island Institute

Topic: Lyme disease