

# Onion River Co-op/City Market

Board of Directors Meeting

May 20, 2013

## **Board Attendance:**

Nancy Nesbitt, Board Member  
Molly O'Brien, Board Member, President  
Susan Munkres, Board Member  
Charles Baldridge, Board Member, Treasurer  
Julia Curry, Board Member, Vice President  
Faye Conte, Board Member  
Rachel Jolly, Board Member, Secretary  
Wayne Warnken, Board Member

## **Absent:**

Kevin Duniho, Board Member

## **Also in attendance:**

Jarred Cobb, Member Services Program Coordinator, Board Liaison  
Allison Weinhagen, Director of Member Services  
Pat Burns, General Manager  
Michael Healy, Board Facilitator  
Stephanie Ratté, Board Minute Taker  
Serrill Flash, Member  
Greg Huysman, Small Business Lending Manager, Opportunities Credit Union

## **Preliminaries**

A quorum was established and the meeting started at 6:00.

## **Review minutes**

The Agenda was approved without any changes.  
The April minutes were accepted.

## **Open Member**

Nancy shared that she recently visited with former neighbors who have since moved out of state. Unsolicited, they praised City Market, and considered becoming Members.  
Susan shared that her daughter Amelia would like to attend another meeting but when she isn't so tired.  
Wayne thanked City Market for helping with a fundraising dinner for Outright Vermont.

## **Board Education and Discussion**

As part of an ongoing education initiative by the Board regarding cooperatives, Rachel invited a representative from the financial cooperative sector. Greg Huysman, Small Business Lending Manager at Opportunities Credit Union, and the Board discussed the similarities and differences of their respective cooperatives.

Pat and Greg indicated that they will continue the discussion in an effort to explore possible synergies between area cooperatives.

## **Board Perpetuation**

The Board reviewed the Process Intent statement and Checklist drafted by Susan. Some modifications were identified regarding the specificity of the elements on the checklist and how the results of the checklist are communicated to the ORC Membership. The Board reached consensus to accept the proposed timeline. They expressed appreciation for Allison's work in this area. The success of this new approach will be examined the next time Board Perpetuation is monitored.

## **GM Reporting**

### Monthly GM Report

The Board asked clarifying questions on the report.

#### B6: Communication to the Board

The Board reached consensus that the report had sufficient data to demonstrate compliance.

#### B13: Communication Support to the Board

The Board reached consensus that the report had sufficient data to demonstrate compliance.

#### **Board Monitoring**

##### D1: Governing Style

Nancy delivered this report finding the Board in compliance.

##### C3: Monitoring Manager Performance

Rachel delivered this report finding the Board in compliance.

The Board reached consensus to put a formal annual review on the Board Calendar. Molly will make this update.

#### **Future Planning**

##### ORC 40th birthday in September: how to celebrate?

Allison gave an overview of ideas that are in the planning stages. Various Board members supplied other possible ideas and feedback.

##### Open Member time response

None

##### Review BoD Calendar

The Board discussed changes to be made to the Board calendar.

The Board adjourned at 8:35.

#### **Wrap Up**

- Board Perpetuation enjoyable
- Board Education was very enlightening and Board members are looking forward to future sessions.
- It was nice to have Michael Healy facilitating once again.

#### **Follow up**

**Julia** will contact a worker coop for June.

**Faye** will contact an insurance coop for June.

**Susan** will update the statement of intent and checklist based on the Board's discussion.

**Pat** will update the timeline based on the Board Perpetuation discussion.

**Molly** will update the Board Calendar with an annual GM evaluation

**Pat** will update the Board calendar based on the Future Planning discussion.

**Rachel** will send a thank you to Greg Huysman.