CICA AG Committee meeting: 3/25/13

1**. Update:  school playground layout: outdoor oven for the school/grants**

- Current budget pushing $10,000 (if we don’t want to just play with sand and mud).

- Possible fundraising to follow up on playground renovations: never a publicized funding campaign, possible $$s to be had which could go towards pizza oven.

- Dedicate playground on 4th of July: put up a sign “next phase”…with attractive drawing of oven + picnic shelter, dovetailing with playground “school grounds” renovation effort

-serious look at shelter design: what’s needed? What’s wanted? What are the criteria?

-Kit: $4,000 for masonry components, $2,000 for masonry & mud (double for bread “mud” vs. pizza) (From Norrigewock, ME)

-Next steps: come up with a sketch of a design—offer multiple designs to choose from?

 -get this idea down on paper and submit to the Community Forum- BaseCamp

 -Beverly: artistic sketch-ups? Any architect/ CAD CAM/ Google Sketch-up experts on island?

 -Could renting the oven cover cost of a trained person on-sight? Option of training or having already-trained person on-site?

 - Under who’s auspices would this reside? Scheduling use, putting down a deposit in case of damage etc. School? CICA? Rec Center?

2. **Update: food/garden workshop series and food pantry coupon books**

-Meeting with Ariette and Lola to discuss “Farm Dollars” pilot program, both to support Chebeague agriculture and increase access to local food for food pantry users.

-Mechanisms for marketing garden overflow (or donating overflow): library, Commons, school lunch program, \*classes on food preservation at peak over-production times\*

-Summer “harvest time” program: weekly garden activities, drop-in basis. Multiple leaders (Celia, Erin, Chip, Bob, Sue, Claire, etc…). Involvement of student garden manager. Run it 6-8 weeks. Age range: 6-12? (suggested) (The Secret Garden!) Catching bugs is fun no matter how old you are.

-next steps: print and market “farm dollars”. Contact library, Rec Center re: scheduling/advertising of the summer “garden-time”

3. **Chebeague Food Web!!**

-Feedback: not visually intriguing: people not computer-inclined will be turned off by the levels of navigation required to get to information (like flipping through a filing cabinet to try and find one specific thing…then having to go back and look at everything again when you forget where it is)

-How can we make it more user-friendly

-What are our next steps? Do we just stream-line the organization of the freeforum.net, or do we look for another template/set-up?

-Might as well streamline, put it to the public, and see how it works…

4. Schedule next meeting

Tuesday, 4/23/13
7:15
Multipurpose room at CIS