**Meeting Date:** **STEPS RISERS**, Tuesday, 3/20/2018 - 6:30 -8:00 pm, Seneca Community Church, Romulus

**Attendees**: Harold Bush, MaryLois Schott, Caroline Peterson, Connie Carmona, Bill Sebring, Phyllis Motill, Chris Kimball -Peterson, Kerry VanAuken,Tracey Clark, Paul Batman, Dave Salmon,Gabe Telerico ,Theresa Lahr. Meeting Facilitator: Connie Carmona

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| **Time** | **Discussion Item** | **Person Responsible** | **Decisions Required** | **Decisions Made** | **Actions Required** | **Person Responsible Date to be completed** |
| 6:30 pm | Introductions | Connie Carmona  facilitated meeting -welcoming all | None | Many thanks to the Seneca Community Church for hosting meeting. MaryLois provided fresh fruit & vegetables for snack and Connie provided the decaf coffee. Thanks! | Everyone introduced themselves | The first day of spring has officially arrived – enjoy! |
| 6:35  6:50 | Personal Health & Wellness workgroup report ;  Economic & Educational (E & E) Workgroup | Phyllis Motill  Chris Kimball-Petersen | Phyllis spoke about the need to engage more residents who might benefit from activities and classes STEPS offers, such as cooking & crafting or walking at the schools. Deb Bush’s 3/17/18 quilting/ sewing class was enjoyed and appreciated by participants.  A “Making a difference” forum took place last week in Seneca Falls.  Guest speakers at the forum addressed bullying, teen suicide, substance abuse and human tracking as well as other serious topics such as violence. We desire to bring a similar forum to STEPS neighborhood.  Chris reports February  E & E workgroup meeting included a discussion about the possibility of bringing a farmers market to Ovid. Patti Battley, Seneca County CCE would be a resource. | “Making a difference” forum discussion lead to importance of Mindfulness & Adverse Childhood Experiences awareness. Topic led to further dialogue about the good work being done in the county on Suicide and Substance Abuse Prevention and Human Trafficking and the need to raise awareness of resources  Phyllis reports the Making a difference forums turn out and dialogue produced was very good.  Chris reviewed plans for her and Ave Bauder’s participation/presentation in Career Exploration Day -3/23 in Seneca Falls. All set with the display board depicting “out of the box” Ag careers (identified 70 careers) Examples; seed specialist, farm safety inspectors and ag technology system operators.  Chris and Ave will have the opportunity to interact with 9th graders from all 4 school districts in the county regarding the many opportunities and jobs/careers in Ag. | Kerry to check with Public Health Educator AJ VanCuren about creating signs /prompts of healthy facts related to walking to post at the school.  Indoor walking at South Seneca school is available. Outdoor walking group daily following student drop off in am at SS elementary. Residents also able to walk the halls at Romulus school. A walking scavenger hunt to be planned.  Leverage county coalitions (Substance & Suicide) Bring “We are Seneca Strong “to the STEPS neighborhood for community input  Chris will serve as a tour guide for the annual Finger Lakes Youth Agriculture event again this year. This is a Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board event held at the FLCC Viticulture and Wine Technology Center and the NYS Experiment Station in Geneva - 4/25 –she will assist a school group with their schedule for the day and help engage students in activities and visit a local farm | April 14 th- next class in Food, Fun and Family series Ready, Set, Grow .10 am – noon at the Ovid Fire Dept. Everyone promote participation. Deb Bush will instruct the cooking portion of the class and Shelly Pletcher, CCE master gardener will conduct the gardening portion on –“successful gardening tips” target audience is those new to gardening – all welcome.  Next Personal Health & Wellness meeting 4/2-10 am at Phyllis’ home –2233 East Seneca St., Ovid  Next E & E work group April 16 th  Monday, 7pm at the Ovid Fire Dept. Brown St., Ovid. |
| 7:05- 7:15  “ “ | E & E- initiative ; work study program for high school students  STEPS Micro-enterprise loan/grant opportunities available  Small business owners from rural (Yates, Seneca and Wayne counties Neighborhood Health Improvement projects will participate in an economic development discussion panel- 4/24 | Gabe Telerico  Gabe | Gabe piggybacked on Chris’s report on” out of box Agricultural careers” commenting on the need for technology skills in the Ag field.  Work study program –update provided  Contact Gabe to discuss the micro-enterprise opportunity for a new small business idea or expansion of an existing one. | Example; skill set needed for robotic strawberry pickers will require computing skills operators to oversee the sensing /GPS devices required.  3 students are already matched with employers for next academic year work –study program    3-4 business men and women panelists who have successfully launched their own business will participate and ask questions about their experience. | None  Gabe is working with Senator Pam Helming’s office in Geneva to establish a work study site. He reiterates how important it is to establish & maintain good relationships with work study site, school and students. It’s been well received by all.    4/24- 10am –Noon at Geneva Public Library. Gabe has confirmed attendance of 20 area high school students and 1 panelist to date | None  Contact Gabe at gabe.telericio @s2aynetwork. org for more info |
| 7:15-7:25  “ “ | Improving the Physical Environment (IPE)  “ ” | MaryLois Schott  Harold Bush | July 17- Community Science Institute– water monitoring /sample event at Sheldrake Creek confirmed. Tony DelPlato to attend water symposium in Geneva on 3/24 – and Cayuga Lake Watershed summit in April  Harold reports the Lions club is building a raised and accessible bed for the Ovid Community Garden (OCG) | Tony will share symposium /summit summary with water quality group following Aprils Sustainability Planning Meeting | Caroline will expand on forum planning plans on STEPS event agenda item | Stay tuned for next IPE meeting details. Leader Karel Titus canceled 4/23 standing meeting date due to a sustainability forum being held earlier the same day and involving many of the same residents. Attend Sustainability forum planning on 3/26 1 pm at STEPS office – then a month later- 4/23, 1 pm at a TBD location.  OCG –all 20 garden plots are reserved for 2018 season |
| 7:25- 7:35 | Events ;  Day of Service (DOS) 4/21  Sustainability Forum 5/15 | Gabe  Caroline Peterson | Gabe gave update on Day of Service plans and handed out flyers and registration forms.  Caroline gave update on Sustainability Forum - handed out speaker information and announced volunteer opportunities : set up & clean up ,parking & childcare support , food service | Help needed to distribute forum flyers around town. | Chris Kimball Peterson handling media alert, PSA-design of stationary to Karel for letter to send letter of invitation to municipalities-    Deb Bush – leader of food service plans | Sign in begins at 8am 4/21at SS middle /high school contact Kristin Parry at s2aynetwork.org  Planning meeting 3/26 -1 pm at STEPS Office.  On line registration opens 4/2/18 call STEPS office or register at www.senecacounty cce.org |
| 7:35-7:50 | Open forum | Paul Batman | IPE member discussed how the incinerator would generate unwanted pollution, tons of waste and tremendous traffic increase here. | Proposed incinerator project threats our natural resources. | Stayed tuned for announcements of public hearings as required for Article 10 process- Public Involvement Plan is first step | Public hearings to be held next month –attend to voice opposition & join the growing list of families and businesses and local governments who oppose the project. |
| “ “ | Open Forum-  discussed the importance of being prepared for public health treats ex: Hep A | Kerry VanAuken | Kerry encouraged attendees to participate in  The Seneca County Health Department mock mass vaccination drill. | 4/10- Tuesday 1-3 pm – exercise to take place at Fayette Fire Hall -need patient /actors volunteers to participate in the mock drill | Various resident profiles will be simulated -142 residents per hr. needed to go through (clinic setting) exercise- | If interested in helping for 1-2 hrs. complete the form Kerry handed out or contact  kvanauken@co.seneca.ny.us |
| “ “ | Open Forum | Mary Lois Scott  Harold Bush | MaryLois discussed a  Master Preserver training and the community health grant for Lodi Pantry expansion. The pantry hopes to purchase preserver equipment and loan to residents who receive training in canning, dehydrating food.  Harold announced the annual Rural Urban Dinner 4/2- 6:30 at De lago – a fundraiser for food link . | MaryLois will hold a Herb class 3/31- 11:30 at Lodi Library |  | For more info or questions contact: Maryloisschott@yahoo.com  Contact Harold for more info and tickets to Rural-Farm to Table Dinner 607.227.8994 |
| 7:55 | Resident Health Promotion Projects (RHPP’s) | Theresa |  | To date Sing Song – a movement & music activity series for toddlers @ Ford library and a family cooking class at Romulus School have been awarded this month. |  | If interested in completing a RHPP, contact the STEPS Office 607.403.0069 or applications can be found on the STEPS website www.senecasteps.org |
| 8:00 pm | Wrap up- next meeting | “ “ | Next standing RISERS meeting would normally fall on 5/15 –Sustainability Forum is scheduled for that evening – Next meeting? | Group suggest holding Risers meeting in June – will doodle poll to determine best day/date |  | Hope to see everyone at our Day of Service next month. Encourage your friends and neighbors to participate in any and all STEPS activities and events! |