

*Jumping at several small opportunities may get us there more quickly than waiting for one big one to come along. ~Hugh Allen*

Purpose statement.  
As a core team, we will become:

### **Cultivators of a thriving local food system**

A cultivator creates fertile land for planting...

- Creates the conditions for people to solve their own problems
- Names what is out there and new initiatives as they arise
- Connects initiatives, people and ideas
- Nourishes relationships between all the parts
- Makes visible what's going on, what we are learning and tells the story of local food

### **Information Bites and Sharing**

- There are 8 local 4H groups in Lunenburg and 1 in Queens County
- The Farmer's Market in New Germany is failing and the one in Bridgewater is still on King Street
- In Queens County the plant to plate garden is wrapping up but plans are underway for the upcoming growing season
- Michael Graves is a supporter of local food and one of the founders of Localicious. Localicious is about connecting producers and restaurateurs
- Federation meetings discuss where they want to go and how to get there

#### **Group Discussion**

- Food inspection
- Hascap growing
- LaHave forests website
- Celebration of small scale farming event
- We also had a great discussion regarding our group, our numbers and the work that is happening around us. This led to a discussion on collaboration.

#### **Bring Together - Collaboration**

- Local Food Team
- Federation
- Department of Agriculture
- Leon D'Veerde - Eric Shaw (Town of Bridgewater)
- Don Downe
- QCCHB and LCCHB
- Department of Community Services
- Valerie—Agri and 4H leadership coordinator
- New person in Valerie's old position
- Sobey's Rep
- Farmers Markets of NS
- Incredible picnics/farm day

#### **Agenda Ideas for Next Meeting**

- Review map
- Look for gaps
- Look for what we already have
- Build on list for collaboration

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- A meeting Wizard will be sent to set up the next meeting