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**INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING GROUP
Expand on and create new post-production infrastructure and markets to enhance or grow the local food economy**

*--Establish possible distribution centers and increase available storage units and processing facilities, -- Increase the volume of locally produced food sales by improving farmers’ links to market*

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| **June 8, 2016 Minutes** | **June 8, 2016 Agenda**  |
| * Present: Matt, Phoebe, Denise, Roe-Ann
* **Updates:**
* Denise -- Neighbor Made (gluten free kitchen) is opening doors for folks to use their facilities. Cydney Smith and Vivien (Maple Nut Granola). No hot packing equipment
* Genuine Local in Meredith bought NM’s steam kettles & packing equipment
* Coolers are available at NM
* HGC -- (Jake Nonweiler) wrote USDA grant for feasibility study for a Food Hub in NM spot.
* Bagel Works old processing facility is available – has hood, receiving dock, coolers – larger than NM
* TCK -- Sarah needs a gleaning assistant
* Discussion around a mobile food pantry
* Bob Furlone, TCK board member, driven to find a new building.
* Conversation around the need for a centralized food hub, storage and comm kitchen.
* Kingsbury building brought up as a possibility – owes 1.5 million in back taxes.
* RA – Westmoreland Co. Jail is not an option at this point. Commercial kitchen inventory conducted by Senior Ctr.
* **Community conversation about SWNH Food Hub:**
* MEDEC, Bob Furlone, IWG, MFC, MM, CCCD
* Field trip to Western Mass Food Processing facility planned, Tuesday, June 21. 10am -11:30am
* CCCD awarded HOM pilot scheme to promote farm to school in libraries.
* **Farmer Survey**
* RA looking for notes from members. Will send out after MFCC board meeting.
 | * Member updates
* Conversation around Food Hub in SW New Hampshire
* Farmer Infrastructure Survey feedback

**NEXT IWG meeting: Wed., July 15, 2016** 5pm – 6pm, Hannah Grimes Center, Lower Level |