About the Conference –

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

 AGENDA

8:45-9:30 a.m. Registration and Refreshment

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

9:40 a.m. Keynote Address:

 **\* Community Development in the New Era of Distributed Creative Production\***

 Lars Hasselblad Torres, Executive Director, Generator Makerspace

 10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 **Co-working space - Lightning Jar, Bennington**

 Dimitri Garder, Executive VP, Global-International

11:30 **Maker-space - The Foundry Workshop, Ltd, Lyndon Center**

 Jim Schenck, President

12:15p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. **Incubators – The Challenges and Opportunities of Incubating**

 **Food Processing Businesses in Rural Vermont**

 **Panel:** Robin Morris, Founder and President, Mad River Food Hub L3C

 Sarah Waring, Director, Vermont Food Venture Center, Hardwick

 \*Joe’s Kitchen at Screamin’ Ridge Farm, Montpelier and E. Montpelier

 \*Burke Mountain Confectionary, Burke

 \*Note: both facilities opened their doors in 2011 after moving on

 from the above two incubators.

3:00 p.m. Wrap Up

3:15 p.m. Adjourn