

Member-owned Littleton Consumer Cooperative Society, Inc. strives to serve the North Country by providing a broad range of high quality food products, offered at a fair price, with outstanding service. The Co-op exists to serve its members, not to make a profit for a large corporation.

The movement to bring a regional cooperative food store to Littleton began in early 2006. The initial informational meeting, initiated by local business leaders Jeffrey Wheeler and Michael Claflin, drew an enthusiastic crowd of more than 300 people from Littleton and surrounding towns in both New Hampshire and Vermont. The vision became a reality when the Littleton Food Coop opened its doors in 2009.

Since that time, the store has been an incredible success story with sales growth exceeding projections year over year. Some data on how the Coop impacts our local economy: The Coop employs 38 full time employees and 36 part timers; over 5,000 customer visits per week; nearly \$10 million in annual sales; all profits are re-invested in the store or returned to members.

Even more importantly, the Coop serves as a retail outlet for numerous small scale local farmers and value added producers, with almost \$1.7 million of annual sales sourced locally.

If you have been in the store recently, you will notice that every inch of floor space is being used and we have outgrown the current facility..

A 5000 square foot expansion has been planned with construction to begin next year. I invite you to attend an informational meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup>, to view architectural renderings and learn more about future plans for the store.

You don't need to be a member to attend this meeting. Your input and support is very much appreciated.

Luther Kinney