

**Saco Community
Steering Committee Meeting
June 13, 2018 Saco Recreation Center**

Minutes

Present: Ron Bolduc, Rachel Bolduc, Walter Buczacz, Joel Hersom, Michelle Hiltz, Bruce Martel, Karen Martel, Peg Mills, Martin Schindler, Bertha Dawn.

Bruce Martel called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

May Minutes

A motion was made by Joel and seconded by Ron to accept the May minutes. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Peg reported that we're at the halfway point of our fiscal year as of the end of May. According to her figures we have encumbered or cleared \$442.00 to date. We have budgeted spending \$5001.00 We have money in the budget to cover our expenses and projects. Glenys sent a statement from the City, but it was difficult to interpret.

Karen reported that The CLYNK account contains \$80.78 as of today.

Volunteer Hours

Joel reported that 9 renters have completed their required hours, 10 have started, and 29 have not started.

The Ice Cream Social will need some volunteer assistance.

Volunteers have been assisting with the compost.

Peg will continue to rally the volunteers.

Building projects:

a) *Shade Porch* – the brackets requested by the City are in place, but have not been completely installed at this point. Peg has a volunteer who is willing to work on the floor if he has the bricks needed. Peg has been bringing the bricks over. Peg and Bruce will work on measuring and selecting lattice. The goal is to have the shade porch completed in time for Ice Cream social on July 11.

b) *Accessible plot #7* – Marty and Bruce met to discuss. Marty has done a similar project in the past. We budgeted \$800 for the plot. Bruce suggested two 3x10 foot cedar boxes on the ground. Peg made a motion to go forward with such a project, Joel seconded the motion. Bruce showed a plan. Peg said she would get volunteers to assist. If necessary, we can increase the budget for this project, Peg moved that we could go as high as \$1000 plus the cost of fill. Peg would like this project to be completed by July 11 as an objective. Passed unanimously.

c) New plots on hold until fall.

Gardener of Month

There has been lots of productive gardening taking place. #20 was the winner... Brandon Levesque. Michelle will put sign in tomorrow morning.

Old business

- a) Padlocks – much better. Thanks, Ron.
- b) Newsletter went out, we used the CLYNK account to fund printing and mailing, which cost \$68.07. The newsletter was mailed to each gardener, and distributed to Parks and Rec and City Council.
- c) Facebook – The City-run page is not being updated, as the City is moving away from Facebook. Joel created a new page that we can update. He will send out link to Gardeners about how to access this closed-group page.
- d) Garage Sale- Peg moved and Joel seconded that we not have a Garage sale. Unanimously passed.
- e) Port-a-potty – Had been installed by the front gate. It was quickly relocated to the correct location behind the privacy fence.
- f) Plant-by date – June 15 (Friday). Two plots have not been started. #18 will be made available to the waitlist. #21 plans to start on Friday. Peg will contact the City to make #18 available.

New business

- a) Tomato cages surplus – all are in use.
- b) Stakes in shed – OK
- c) Tool storage – tools hooked on overhead beams could be dangerous. Peg will look for a volunteer to build something.
- d) Soil additives under the workbench– it's unclear what these are
- e) Hoses... One in the garden needs to be replaced, plus we need one spare. Peg will buy three. Peg will put up laminated signs about how to manage the hoses.

Joel will plan for ice cream social and Michelle will help. We spent \$60 last year for ice cream & toppings. The money can come from CLYNK. Joel will check with Parks & Rec about supplying paper products.

Ron said that the new Landscape fabric may not last. He also said that the 4” staples weren't very strong, and suggested that 6” staples would be better. It was also agreed that woven fabric is better.

Compost sifting.... buckets have been on the walkway. They can't be on the grass because City mows the grass.

The next meeting will be on July 11 at 6:30 at the Garden for the Ice Cream Social.
The meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Martel
Recording Secretary