

**Saco Community
Steering Committee Meeting
April 11, 2018 Saco Recreation Center**

Minutes

Present: Ron Bolduc, Rachel Bolduc, Walter Buczacz, Joel Hersom, Bruce Martel, Karen Martel, Peg Mills

Absent: Michelle Hiltz

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

March Minutes

A motion was made by Peg, seconded by Joel, to accept the March minutes, with amendments and a spelling correction. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

All 48 plots have been rented
\$1345 income has been reported by the City
February expenses:
 \$25.00 for Gift Certificate
 \$23.50 for postage and 3.00 for stakes
The CLYNK account contains \$124.50

Rachel moved, Joel second to accept the Treasurer's report: approved unanimously

Volunteers:

Peg volunteered to be the volunteer coordinator. Ron will coordinate with Peg.

Karen will continue to handle the CLYNK account.

There was discussion about e-mail communication to gardeners via sacocommunitygarden@gmail.com. Joel said that we have a three-year archive of all e-mail communication that goes through this account, and that it's important to have such a record.

The fabric on the paths needs to be replaced in many places. Bruce estimated that we need about 800 ft. x 2 ft. to replace the old material, and that we'll need more staples. He will try to meet with Ryan Sommer this week to discuss this and other matters. We may be able to these supplies through the city. Staples have been purchased through Grangers online.

Staking corners of the plots. Bruce salvaged wood from the compost bin project. Peg & Ron will coordinate staking out the garden. Walter, Mauro and Michelle volunteered to assist.

Signs on paint sticks. Nancy Nelson has the supplies, and will create the sticks for each garden.

It's going to be several weeks before the garden can be started.

Rachel volunteered to be the Food Pantry Plot Coordinator when a plot is available.

Joel volunteered to be the Activities Coordinator

Building projects

Shade Porch- Peg reported that Ryan Sommer discussed the structure with Dick Lambert, the Code Inspector. Dick is requiring better reinforcement on the posts. Steve Littlefield, the Scoutmaster who supervised the construction of the Shade Porch, discussed this with Dick. Steve has purchased the items required, and said he will install them when it gets warm enough to use the required epoxy. He will let us know how much it costs. Peg will follow up on this.

The installation of lattice on the west (Main St.) side will help keep the Shade Porch shady. Peg volunteered to price out lattice and the gravel for the base of the Porch. Discussion of painting the Porch will be discussed at a later meeting.

Accessible plot #7 Bruce said he would coordinated building the raised bed. Peg has a contact for the wood. Bruce will ask Marty Schindler (plot #6) to assist with this project.

Erika, the Saco Rec assistant, said that the accessible plot will be blocked from the online rental system until it's available to rent.

New Plots: We estimate that there should be enough room for 4' on the back of the garden beyond the new plots. Bruce will discuss this project with Ryan Sommer and Ron Moody.

Gardener of the Month: June will be first month. The Officers will check all gardens just before the meeting each month. A reminder will be sent with the monthly meeting notice.

Bruce will discuss having a yard sale in Haley Park with Ryan Sommer. Peg will find out the date of Library yard sale. It was noted that there is also an annual Plant Sale at the library.

Joel created an unofficial Saco Garden FB page. He will invite the gardeners to be members of this closed group page. Erika Dube is the point person for the official garden page.

There was a discussion about the newsletter. Karen said she would take that on.

The next meeting is on May 9 at 6:30 at Saco Recreation Building.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Martel
Recording Secretary