

**Saco Community
Steering Committee Meeting
July 11, 2018 at the Community Garden
Minutes**

Present: Walter Buczacz, Joel Hersom, Michelle Hiltz, Bruce Martel, Karen Martel, Peg Mills, Bertha Dawn, Mary Dawn, Missy Ayotte, Chris Allen, Jelka Tomic, and other guests

Bruce Martel called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

May Minutes

Joel made a motion, seconded by Walter to accept the June minutes. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's report. Peg will submit a report next month.

Gardener of the Month

The Steering Committee chose Garden #16, Missy Ayotte, as Gardener of the Month.

Building projects:

a) *Shade Porch* – the reinforcing brackets requested by the City have been completely installed, though the City has not inspected them. The Boy Scouts have completed their work on this project. Bruce donated three sheets of used lattice for the shade porch. Peg reported that Dayton Sand & Gravel provided three pickup loads of gravel for \$9.00. Chris Allen transported the gravel in his pickup truck, and Peg, Karen and Chris moved the gravel to the shade porch.

b) *Accessible plot #7* – Marty obtained price estimates for this project. The local estimate is \$760 plus gravel and dirt. Bruce outlined the plan for the plot.

Old business

Plots #18 and #21 have been rented.

A list of Gardeners who have completed their hours will be posted in the shed.

Peg reiterated that sweeping the walkways does not count toward volunteer hours.

Hoses: A Gardener noted that the hoses appear to be fraying on the sharp metal edges of the hose holders. It was suggested that these be removed from the posts.

Tool Shed: It was reported that a hoe fell from the wall of the shed onto a Gardener. A volunteer is needed to build a system to securely fasten the tools.

New business

A swarm of bees in the Garden was relocated by the City.

Peg reported that Gardener Lydia Kinney has offered to create a multimedia presentation on composting.

It was noted that Gardeners should contain plants that are encroaching on the walkways.

A Gardener suggested that rain barrels could collect water from the shed and shade porch roofs.

The meeting adjourned to the Ice Cream Social at 6:55.

The next meeting will be on August 8 at 6:30 pm at either the Garden or the Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Martel, Recording Secretary