

Minutes 01/16/2025
Saco Community Garden
Saco Community Center

There were seven members in attendance:

Bruce Martel	Karen Martel
Joel Hersom	Peg Mills
Walter Buczac	Amanda Mondor
Bertha Dawn	

The minutes from October were unanimously accepted.

Finances:

Joel gave a preliminary report at the January meeting and he'll give a corrected report at the February meeting.

Clynk account:	\$82.05
	<u><50.00></u> moved to general account
	32.05
	<u>< 5.00></u> bought Clynk bags
	27.05 Total

Registration opened late this year due to Saco Rec being short-handed.

Lin volunteered to distribute flyers for the garden.

Guideline Changes:

Peg distributed a draft of the proposed changes to the guidelines under #10 Good Habits.

Amendments to 10.b changing the wording after "... they may email their observation to" to read "the email address in the Communication Section of the Guidelines." rather than repeat the email address in this section.

Also amended was section 10.e to insert "or more" after the word "one."

Both amendments passed unanimously, and the Guideline Changes were unanimously accepted.

Orientation and Mentoring set up:

Peg offered to draft a checklist and calendar for the second week of May for the Steering Committee members to pick dates they could be at the garden to spend an hour doing orientation.

It was decided to send the mentoring program to the officers for review, and it will be passed out at the annual meeting.

Amanda Mondor and Linda Edgerton volunteered to be the Nominations committee and put together a slate of officers for the coming year to be voted on at the annual meeting.

It was suggested that we might possibly split Joel's combined duties of Treasurer and Vice President between two people.

Preparations for Annual meeting:

The annual meeting will be held at Koi Restaurant at 6:00pm on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

The door prizes will be two \$25 gift certificates to Reny's, and a certificate good for the gardener's volunteer hours.

Instead of having catalogs, books, and seeds to give away at the annual meeting, it was decided to put the catalogs and books in the shed for anyone who would like them, and any donated seeds will go into the seed library provided by the Girl Scouts.

Under Other business and concerns, we need to think about a solution to the wet ground by the corner and by the water tank, as well as the gap under the entrance gate.

It was decided to add Anchor Fence to the plaque of donors to the Community Garden for their generous donation of only charging us half the amount it cost to fix the fence and gate.

It was brought up that we need to replace some of the grade stakes that mark the individual plots, and that some plots need sturdier stakes because of damage caused by accidentally dragging the garden hoses through those plots. It was suggested possibly putting pvc pipe over the corner stakes in those plots, or maybe using the pvc pipe as the corner stakes there.

It was also suggested that we test just leveling the paths and tamping them down before taking up all the landscaping fabric to fix the walkways.

The next meeting will be on February 20, 2025 at the Saco Community Center.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn.