

Minutes 05-21-2026
Saco Community Garden
Saco Community Center

There were eight members in attendance:

Beverly Boucher	Amanda Mondor
Karen Martel	Bruce Martel
John Saulle	Joel Hersom
Ciera Lazerus	Bertha Dawn

The minutes from April were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial City Balance	\$1,691.18
Petty Cash	456.15
Clynk	25.96

Volunteer Hours:

None	37 plots
Partial	8
Complete	9

Total of 37.4 hours.

Gardener of the Month: Linda Burgess, plot #26. Congratulations, Linda!

Old Business:

Garden Opening had a good turnout and lots of work was completed.

The water has been turned on, but two wands need to be replaced. The water pressure is good. Joel got 75' hoses which have plenty of length to reach the far end of the garden. The faucet by the washing station has been replaced. We are trying to contact Ryan with the city about adding spigots on the other side of the garden.

We have soil amendments of sulphur, K mag, and bloodmeal.

The newsletter was emailed on April 21st. Thanks, Karen! Some people did not receive their copies, so Karen will resend it.

The updated Bylaws and Guidelines have been posted online.

One gardener on the waiting list received a plot.

New Business:

The city takes care of the waiting list through the end of May, so we need someone to manage the waiting list after that. It was suggested that we send out any plot openings to the first three people on the list by text and email to expedite assigning the plot to the new gardener. Amanda volunteered to head this up.

Construction Projects:

It was recommended that we use composite board for the shed fascia board which needs to be replaced. This will be much lower maintenance.

The post for compost bin #1 needs to be straightened.

Beverly volunteered to oversee the seed library.

It was suggested that we have a “Harvest Monitor” who would send gardeners gentle reminders that they can leave excess produce on the picnic table. If they don’t have time to harvest their gardens, they can give us permission to pick produce for them to put on the table.

Harry volunteered to be the “Weed Monitor” to make a list of plots that are starting to be overtaken by weeds.

It was unanimously voted to increase the amount the treasurer can take from petty cash without a vote from \$50 to \$100.

Reminder to all gardeners; before locking the gate when you leave, please make sure you are not locking anyone inside the garden. Also, after you lock the gate, spin the numbers or else it won’t actually lock. If you should end up being locked inside the garden, remember that the back gate can be unlocked from the inside and is the same combination as the front gate.

The next meeting will be on June 18, 2026, at 6:00pm at the Community Center.

It was voted unanimously to adjourn.