

Steering Committee Meeting (conducted virtually through Zoom)
May 14, 2020

Attended: Kristina Hooper, Karen Martel, Bruce Martel, Michelle Hiltz,
Joel Hersom, Peg Mills, Maarta Laiho, Lora Marchand

1. Peg called the meeting to order at 6:31
2. Joel made a motion to accept the meeting notes from the April 30th meeting, Karen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer Report- We had a donation of \$200

Expenses for May:

Postage- .50

Dupuis Hardware Signs- 4.00

Longhorn bloodmeal- 88.60

Woodsomes bloodmeal- 57.53

Andy's bloodmeal & stakes- 173.80

Balance available in the SCG account as of May 13th \$2481.00

4. Volunteer Report-

7 gardeners have completed their volunteer hours

3 have partially completed their volunteer hours

45 have not begun their volunteer hours. None

14 of 55 gardeners have not signed the covid-19- agreement.

5. Registrations Report- 2 people have dropped out of the garden.

Peg has contacted the city about filling the spots. Plot #7 is still not

rented.

6. Pre opening status-

A lot has been done! The landscape fabric has been pulled up. Pathways have been raked to get up even more staples. The shed has been cleaned. Soil amendments have been spread.

Karen will send out a notice with directions for garden use to the 10 year rounders. She will let them know that there are additional soil amendments for them to their plots.

There is still a lot of material outside of the shed- tomato cages, decorative features and odds and ends. We will work on cleaning this up

It has been difficult connecting with the contractor for rototilling. Peg has been following up. May need to look at other contractors.

The water is on. We need the plots to be measured and staked to officially open. Nancy Nelson does the stakes. She is working on them and they will be added soon.

The new hand washing station is completed and up and going. There is some biodegradable soap as well. Karen will keep the larger soap bottle and refill the smaller bottle as needed.

Peg has ordered more staples for the landscaping fabric. 1 box of 500. There are still some in the shed. We will need to order 2 more boxes. Peg will do this.

Some gardeners are wondering about volunteer opportunities as a single person not being a part of a household duo.

7. New Business

Peg would like to appoint a volunteer coordinator. Bruce is willing to do this once the garden is open. Peg appointed Bruce and it was approved by at least 5 members at large.

Activities coordinator- Peg suggested that we do not need this since we will not be able to hold events this season. It was agreed that this made sense.

After the garden is open plot #7 will need to be cleaned out. Peg will look for a person to rent this plot to a person who would benefit from it.

Peg talked to Ryan about the fence. He uses Anchor fence out of Kennebunk. We have used Main Line. 6-8 posts need to be replaced. Peg will look for quotes on fixing the fence and the gate too. There are 2 posts (hemlock) in the shed currently for replacing 2 of the water spigot holders. This didn't get done last season. Bruce will be working on trying to get this done soon as part of his volunteer hours.

The flower pots that decorate the garden need to be filled. Peg has extra flowers that she can use to fill these pots.

The shed needs to be painted. There was concern expressed regarding the high points and having this job be a volunteer option. There is money in the budget for painting the shed. Additionally, some of the siding batons are coming off. The siding is thin so they are difficult to attach without nails poking through. Bruce will explore what needs to be done. This should be done before painting. Karen proposed hiring a contractor for next year given what is going on this year and difficulty having people working together. This could be done by a handyman. We will revisit this at the June meeting. People should check the shed over in order to give their opinion regarding the painting. Peg made a motion to revisit this at the next meeting, Bruce seconded. It was unanimously approved.

The tools are multiplying and are cluttering up the shed. They are also not being returned to their spots. Please look to see if you have left something behind. If you have left tools then bring them home. It was noted that we should consider putting straps to secure the tools and moving the racks down. This will be revisited.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 11, at 6:30

Notes written by Michelle Hiltz