

Saco Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting  
July 16, 2020  
Minutes

- The ZOOM meeting was hosted by Bruce Martel and called to order by Peg Mills at 6:30pm. Officers attending: Peg Mills, Joel Hersom, Bruce Martel, Tina Hooper, Harry Nielson. Walter Buczacz arrived late. No others attended.
- Minutes of the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by all (Moved—Joel, seconded Harry).
- Joel gave the treasurer’s report. He explained that while we have registered nine new renters this spring and summer, none of the payments have been recorded in our city account. No new payments have been recorded since March 31<sup>st</sup>. The unexplained charge against our city account in February has still not been solved after repeated requests to the city finance department (Most of the City staff are working remotely so that tracing old records may be difficult.) According to the city report ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, we earned \$.08 in interest last month. We paid \$300.00 for tilling, \$715 for the fence repairs, and \$57.11 to Harry for the materials for the washing station. Joel estimates we have \$645.00 in our annual account, not including our carry forward from last year. We have a balance of \$157.00 in our Clynk account.
- Joel reported on volunteer hours to date:
  - 28 renters have not volunteered
  - 8 renters have completed some time
  - 20 renters have completed at least 2 hours
- Officers nominated a number of plots for Gardener of the Month. Lynn’s plot #52 got the most votes. Congratulations to Lynn for Gardener of the Month for June. We will put the sign in her plot and leave a “door prize” for her in the shed.
- Peg thanked folks for completing many garden tasks including—finishing the landscape fabric on the walkways, getting the fence & gate repaired, improving the tool racks in the shed, sharing seedlings, improving the wash station, and working the compost.
- Bruce reviewed the volunteering :
  - Compost has been worked and needs additional efforts. He said Bin 4 was emptied and now contents of Bin 3 need to be moved into Bin 4 and so forth.
  - Renters discovered a wasp nest in Bin 2 that Bruce will take care of.
  - He suggested that there’s not much to do for cleaning out the shed—Peg will

look into it.

- He explained that no one person has volunteered to tend the flower pots, but he will see what he can do.
- Some discussion was shared about how to smother the knotweed. No specific approach was chosen.
- No other questions or concerns were shared.
- Next meeting is set via Zoom for August 13, at 6:30pm.
- Adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peg Mills, Sec pro tem