

Saco Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting
May 5, 2022, 6:30 pm at Saco Community Center

Agenda

1. All welcome

In attendance: Peg, Joel, Walter, Tina, Bruce, Nancy N. Karen

2. Minutes of April meeting—Tina

Unanimously approved

3. Treasurer Report of current balance—Joel

After 3 months of water bills: \$3160.18

Bills: \$169.82 Home Depot for hoses, \$31.32 USPS, \$135.58 printing, \$32.74 Deering Lumber & Dupuis Hardware (gate)

\$500 anonymous donation!

We haven't received the money from the city yet. Ending balance: \$3321.94

Clynx balance: \$192.86

4. Gardener of the Month

49 and 26 look nice! But we just opened, so we'll begin in June.

5. Old Business

a. Validate email vote on new Guidelines

I. Voted unanimously to pass

b. Registrations—Peg

I. We have lost some gardeners already, the program has started, no refunds. According to the guidelines, there is no refund period, but staff don't read the guidelines.

c. Newsletter sent—Thank you Karen and Nancy

I. Was sent out and looked great!

d. Garden opened April 29th, Plot labels all in

I. Opened the garden last weekend and got planting!

e. Volunteer Hours report—Joel

I. 11 people have completed their hours. 39 have done none, the rest are partial.

f. Volunteer Coordinator report—Harry

I. Sending out the to do list ahead of the weekend is helpful.

II. Posts for the compost bins need to be repaired so moving around the composts is a high priority.

- III. Thank you to Harry for all his hard work.
- IV. Volunteer coordinator, unanimously voted in Bruce Martel for May (already started)
- V. Using the clynx money to purchase the materials to repair the compost bin

i. Fence and arch—

- I. Again, going to push this down the road. We can revisit this at a later meeting.

j. Mechanical compost chopper—

- I. Motorized or rent one occasionally?
- II. Perhaps once or twice a season we could rent a chopper to take care of large items.

6. New Business

a. Volunteer Coordinator for June/July--?

- I. Walter nominated, gave him an idea of what it would entail. Bruce offered to consult.
- II. We will send it out to the community to see if someone will do the month of June

b. Planting flowers—Peg

- I. Peg has prepared a bed, but hasn't planted. Peg has seedlings going at home.
- II. Peg will talk to Barry at SPR about starting a bed outside the fence.

c. Other new business? Questions & Ideas?

- I. Discussion about blog submissions.
- II. We have a leaky faucet in the garden. Discussed how to fix it.

d. Joel makes a motion to move the meeting to the third Thursday of the month.

- I. Karen seconds the motion.
- II. Conflicts on the first and second Thursdays. Better for updating financials to do later in the month.
- III. Unanimously passed.

e. Bruce floats the idea of not voting on the volunteer coordinator each month and suspending the guidelines/bylaws that specify. With agreement of the chair and one other officer, anyone who wants it can have it for the calendar month assigned.

- I. Unanimously passed.

f. Kindly request that all renters clean the tools before putting them away.

7. Adjourn. Next Meeting, Thursday June 16, 6:30pm at Community Center