

Saco Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 6:30pm, Via Zoom

✿ Minutes ✿

1. **Attending:** Peg Mills, Karen Martel, Bruce Martel, Linda Edgerton, Harry Neilson, John Saulle, arriving late—Walter Buczac. Absent: Joel Hersom.

2. Old business

**November minutes**—Harry moved to accept, Karen seconded, passed  
**Closing and renters not in good standing report**—Peg presented a written report

**Grapevine location**—Peg reported that Saco Parks & Recreation staff do not want us to plant the donated grape vines in a non-plot area. After some discussion, Karen moved and Harry seconded that we express appreciation to Davis for the vines but we will not be accepting them for the garden. Peg will contact Davis. Motion passed, with one abstaining.

Wednesday or Thursday meeting revisited—because an officer cannot come on Wednesday, Bruce motioned and Linda seconded to move **regular meetings to the First Thursday each month at 6:30pm**. These will be on Zoom until further notice. Passed.

Harry moved and Karen seconded to approve the **2022 COVID safety rules** as presented by Peg. Officers pointed out that Covid is now confusing, but agreed to use these simplified rules until new information is available. Passed.

3. New Business

**Communications**—Karen noted that the new Saco Parks & Recreation features in the registration are good. Renters are obliged to agree to volunteering before their registration is accepted. Karen has all the brochures and posters changed with the new Guidelines and Lin has agreed to distribute them. Our Go Daddy account has been renewed for another year; it now includes a shopping cart. Karen also noted that we have \$167.55 in our Clynk account.

**Registration update**—Karen reported that 18 plots are rented.

**Nomination committee** formation—Linda has agreed to work on the Nominations committee, and Peg will help her find additional help. We hold our annual vote of officers in March. Consensus is to pay \$15 for unlimited Zoom time for the annual meeting.

**Brainstorming for wish lists**—everyone. Peg presented a printed wish list. Joel and Bruce had previously sent additions:

finish caulking and painting shed,

fix the loose post in Bin #1 of the compost system. All agreed to these 2 items.

Other items supported but not all finalized:

- 1) Plant morning glories or sweet peas to screen the shade porch & porta potty fence (supported)
- 2) Plant marigolds then daffodils outside the front fence line (supported)

- 3) Rent or buy a mulcher for processing compost
- 4) Install donor sign inside shed (supported)—Harry offered to do
- 5) Build a compost bucket holder—Bruce will ponder this
- 6) Invite music in the garden—maybe during volunteer work times to make volunteering more enjoyable. Schedule during the day and invite the public to enjoy.
- 7) Change budget cycle to 2-year budgets starting in January and ending in December. Budgets to be ratified by Officers only (supported)
- 8) Set up a SCG checking account—Linda will look into this.
- 9) Change fence—some discussion
- 10) Make a photo book of the garden—some discussion
- 11) Add fruit trees to the garden—discussed

Other Wish list items not yet discussed. Officers and renters are encouraged to present more ideas for the coming season. During the next meeting, wish list items will again be discussed.

Adjourn. **Next meeting via Zoom, Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Peg Mills, Sec.