

Saco Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2020, via ZOOM

Minutes

Bruce Hosted the Zoom meeting and Peg called the meeting to order at 6:30. Officers present were: Peg Mills, Joel Hersom, Bruce Martel, Walter Buczacz and Harry Nielson. Renters Jan and Beverly also attended.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved (Bruce moved, Joel seconded, passed by all).

Joel gave the Treasurer's report. Since his last report, the City has recorded \$325 deposited in our account for rentals, \$200 in a donation given in April, and \$0.11 interest. According to the City we have a \$3,861 carry forward from last City fiscal year (July '19-June '20), expended \$1,413.57 (our Dec '19-current fiscal year) and have a balance of \$2,447.43 (our Dec '19 to current FY). The city recently recorded our expenditure of \$10.62 which is already included in the figures above. Not yet recorded by the City but reported by Joel--\$31.34, \$21.17 and about \$5 for a new gate latch. These new expenditures will be processed by the City and recorded soon. Our Clynk balance is \$161.61 a change from last month because of more income and because we used Clynk funds to purchase trash bags for tomatoes (\$8.84).

Joel also reported volunteer statistics as of today:

20 renters have no volunteer hours
7 renters have completed some volunteer hours
29 renters have completed their 2 hours or more
133.15 hours have been completed in total.

Bruce asked that volunteers concentrate on processing compost. He will get the word out.

Laura Williams was chosen as Gardener of the Month for her plot #50. Congratulations Laura!

Karen Martel was thanked for all her work on preparing and distributing the Fall newsletter.

The new security measures were briefly mentioned—"No Trespassing, Renters Only" signs, new locks, new surveillance camera. No new thefts were reported. Renters were asked to be careful with locking the gate and observing garden activity.

Peg presented a list of closing tasks. She will communicate with Saco Parks & Rec about shutting off the water and having the lines blown out. Other tasks can be completed by renter volunteers.

Jan remarked that a plot near her #30 had tall leaning plants that covered the walkway, and that the plot was weedy. She wondered if it were abandoned. Beverly suggested that renters who

have surplus produce, especially tomatoes, make them available outside the garden.

Adjourned. Next meeting Tuesday, November 10th AFTER the garden is closed.

Respectfully submitted, Peg Mills, Sec pro tem