

**Saco Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting, June 8, 2017**  
**Minutes**

**Attending:** Peg Mills, Bruce Martel, Joel Hersom, Joe Hirsch, Walter Buczacz, Cynthia Kallnan, Bertha Dawn, Michelle Hiltz, and Nancy Nelson  
**Absent:** Karen Martel, Liz DeSimone

Meeting **called to order** by Chair Peg Mills. Minutes taken by Bruce Martel.

**Minutes** of May meeting approved unanimously (motion-Joel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe).

**Financial & Registration:**

No new financial details to report.

An informal review of SCG financials was shared including that some renters have dropped out and people on the waiting list have been contacted. Four of these are now new gardeners..

Peg will continue to pursue contribution sources.

The Clynk account is active, and bottle returns have been credited to it, but no further details as of the meeting.

**Newsletter:** There will be a summer electronic newsletter, thanks to Joel. It was agreed there will be a printed newsletter in the fall, as the spring printed newsletter was well received.

**Volunteers:**

Twenty-seven volunteers have yet to begin their hours. \*

Thirteen volunteers have completed some of their hours.

Nine volunteers have completed their hours.

\*Michael Sullivan replaced the hose post. It seems he did not record his hours. If not, the statistics above will be adjusted accordingly.

Bruce would like to have a team of about four compost volunteers. One would be responsible for watering, turning, sifting, tidying up, and so forth on about the first weekend of the month, another on the second, and so forth. Other volunteers could be tapped for occasional extra chores as the need arises. There are no definitive plans yet, but this needs to be done soon.

Volunteers may be needed for the knotweed battle. There is room for the new fence, but not enough room to mow behind the new fence.

**Building projects:**

Shade porch: It was thought all approvals were in place so that Evan Green, Eagle Scout candidate and SCG volunteer, will receive proper Scout credit for the work. However, further approvals are pending. Start date for the project is still unknown.

There was talk of ordering the picnic table from the Boy Scouts, but now it seems another source may be needed. Peg and Joe are exploring the options.

Maine Line was selected for the fence project. Starting date is expected to be during the week of June 19<sup>th</sup> or the week of June 26<sup>th</sup>. Joe purchased some fencing materials at a better price than if they had been purchased through Maine Line.

The accessible plot (#7) was discussed. The plan is to have two 3' x 10' elevated garden beds. Total cost is expected to be about \$700. No further details determined.

**Plot #6** was selected as Gardener of the Month.

The **next meeting** will be on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the garden. It will take place within the context of an ice cream social. Joes and Michelle offered to coordinate the details. Since nothing had come of Joel's efforts to arrange entertainment, Bruce Martel agreed to play a few songs.

**Adjourned.**

Report of the minutes submitted by **temporary** substitute alternate recording secretary Bruce Martel.