

**Saco Community Garden
Steering Committee Meeting, September 14, 2017 Saco Rec
Minutes**

Present: Joel Hersom, Michelle Hiltz, Bruce Martel, Karen Martel, Walter Buczac, Bertha Dawn.

Bruce Martel called the meeting to order.

Minutes of August meeting were accepted unanimously.

Volunteering::

Joel reported the current Volunteer statistics: 17 renters have completed at least 3 hours, 19 renters have completed part of their 3 hour minimum, 13 renters have not yet completed any hours. In August, volunteers contributed 23.55 hours of service to the garden. For the entire season, volunteers have given 122.5 hours. Thanks everyone!

The Newsletter was much appreciated, with the note that there was a typo on the date of the October Harvest Dinner.

Bruce discussed available volunteer opportunities on the compost:

Sifting

Move compost from bin 1 to 2. It's helpful to cut up the longer pieces. Tomatoes should not be put into the compost. There is a separate barrel for tomato debris.

Bertha and Michelle volunteered to work on the compost on Monday, Sept.18 at around 3:00.

Joe will have a tractor go over the knotweed. He said that it will take several years to get rid of it.

There will probably be some volunteer opportunities for end-of-season cleanup.

Joel had sent out an e-mail about unharvested crops, but received no response.

Building projects status:

Porch— The material is ready. Joe is working on arrangements for equipment to lift the structure into place. It has to be done on a Saturday per the Boy Scouts.

Accessible Plot—Joe will write the grant for Rotary. Joe projects that the plot should be ready in early April.

Gardener of the Month:

Officers nominated several beautiful plots for Gardener of the Month for September. Mary with Plot #10 got the most votes. Congratulations Mary!

New Business:

Bruce brought up Peg's idea of have a stipend position for fundraising and grant-writing, etc. We'll need an estimate from Peg as to how many hours she spent doing this. Joe will check with the City about the parameters would be for such a position, including W-2 requirements, etc.

There is \$98.95 in the CLYNK account.

So far so good on the hoses.

The **Harvest Potluck Dinner** is scheduled for October 12 at 6:30 pm at Saco Rec Center. All renters & family members are encouraged to come and bring a dish to share. Joel and Michele will organize the details and volunteers for this. Joel will send out an e-mail to inquire about what type of dishes renters plan to bring.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Martel
Recording Secretary