

Minutes 6/20/2024
Saco Community Garden
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There were six members in attendance:

Peg Mills	Bruce Martel
John Saulle	Jami Bish
Amanda Mondor	Bertha Dawn

The minutes from May passed with one amendment. Changed the spelling of MOFCA.

The balance of the Clink account is \$97.50.

The Gardener of the Month is Plot #32. Congratulations Cordelia Lyon! We were all impressed with how many plots were mentioned as possible winners. Thanks everyone for making this a very difficult decision!

We are still working on planning a workshop on the proper care and sharpening of tools.

After much discussion about leveling the walkways and replacing the gate, it was moved by Peg Mills and seconded by Amanda Mondor to order 5 yards of loam in September to fix the walks. This passed unanimously. Anchor Fence said they would get back to us with a revised estimate for repairing/replacing the front gate.

It was brought up that we need a volunteer to plant the flowers for the shade porch.

To update the research on PFAS testing, the state agency, MOFCA, tests where known sludge was dumped. When our garden was started 14 years ago, the soil was removed and garden soil installed. This makes it look unlikely that sludge was added to our location. Peg will post the information on this in the shed.

It was unanimously voted to hold an abbreviated meeting next month before the ice cream social with just voting on the next Gardener of the Month. It was also decided to serve wrapped ice cream treats again this year, and to donate any leftovers to one of the local services: possibly either the police or fire departments.

The Volunteer Coordinators for July will be Peg Mills for July 1 – 15, and John Saulle for July 16 – 31.

It was decided not to plant raspberry bushes along the back fence because it would be difficult to care for them properly. Also, we need to remind everyone to be careful when moving the hoses around the garden that they don't accidentally drag them through other people's plots.

The plots which were not started by the deadline of June 15 are being addressed.

It was moved and seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn.

The next meeting will be July 18th in the garden before the Ice Cream Social.