

Minutes 3/21/24 Saco Community Garden – Koi Restaurant

20 in attendance:

Bruce and Karen Martel
Brad Holderman
Polly Gosselin
Nancy Nelson
Joel Herson
Peg Mills
Linda Edgerton
Alex and Jodi MacPhail
Sierra Costa-Pierce
Peter Capaldi
John Saulle
Bertha Dawn
Julia Miller
Ryan Waugh
Alysha and Callie Wagner
Walter Buczac
Amanda Mondor

Peg Mills opened the meeting with a brief overview of the garden's 15 year history.

All 55 plots were rented by Feb. 28th with 16 new renters. An email will be sent out

with the opening date when we can start working our plots.

Traditionally, this has

been the last week of April or the first week of May. To celebrate the garden opening,

there will be coffee and donuts available that morning.

A couple annual events throughout the gardening year are the Ice Cream Social in July

which is open to all renters, their families, and the Haley Park neighbors. We will also

return to the Pot Luck supper at the November monthly meeting. A new feature added to this

is a \$100 drawing for one lucky renter. ONLY renters who have completed at least 2 service/volunteer

hours will be eligible to have their names in the drawing.

Peg reminded us to review the garden bylaws and guidelines to refresh our memories of what is expected of us.

Next, all the officers from last year introduced themselves and indicated whether or not

they were willing to serve again this year. We had seven renters willing to serve as at-large members.

We needed to reduce it to six, so several candidates offered to

withdraw their names
from this year's ballot. We finally decided to accept Alex MacPhail's
withdrawal. Bertha Dawn
was added to the ballot as Recording Secretary. Then the rest of the
garden's members introduced
themselves. From the enthusiasm expressed, we will have a great year
in the garden!

We then had each officer on this year's ballot nominated and seconded,
followed by a show of
hands to elect them to this year's board of officers.

Chair – Peg Mills
Vice-Chair – Joel Hersom
Treasurer – Joel Hersom
Communications Secretary – Karen Martel
Recording Secretary – Bertha Dawn
Members at Large – Bruce Martel, Amanda Mondor, Walter Buczacz, Linda
Edgerton, John Saulle,
Polly Gosselin

Two door prizes were drawn for gift certificates to Reny's. The lucky
winners are:
Bruce Martel and Julia Miller. Congratulations!

We then adjourned with the reminder that the next meeting will be
Thursday, April 18, 2024
at the Saco Recreation Center on Franklin Street. These meetings are
open to all gardeners,
who are encouraged to attend and share any ideas or suggestions you
may have.

Submitted by
Bertha Dawn
Recording Secretary