

**Saco Community Garden
Steering Committee Meeting
October 12, 2017 Harvest Supper at Saco Rec
Minutes**

Present: Peg Mills, Joel Hersom, Michelle Hiltz, Bruce Martel, Karen Martel, Walter Buczacz, Nancy, Rachel, Ron, Henry

Peg Mills called the meeting to order.

Minutes of September meeting were accepted unanimously.

Finances

Peg reported that there are no new bills, but that we can expect upcoming bills of about \$300 for the shed.

Karen reported there the CLYNK account now totals \$104.75

Volunteer Statistics

Joel reported the following stats:

8 have not completed any hours, 20 have partially completed hours, and 20 have completed hours.

Joel made a motion to accept Peg's hours toward the totals, though she does not have a plot in the garden. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

This brings the totals to 21 completed, and 150.8 total hours completed.

Volunteer opportunities

Bruce said that the compost should be shifted over by one bin (move 3 to 4, 2 to 3, and 1 to 2). The completed compost can be sifted for distribution to each garden.

Japanese knotweed control continues. The goal is to create a clear area behind the garden that is wide enough for a riding mower to navigate.

End of season clean-up. Peg will call the 8 renters who have not completed any hours to enlist their help on this project.

Linda and Pam are updating the pamphlets and flyers.

Reminder—To remain a Gardener in Good Standing, renter must contribute a minimum of 3 hours of volunteering

Building projects

Shade porch: The Boy Scouts were working on another project this past weekend, but plan to work on the porch during the upcoming weekend.

Accessible plot #7 : Joe won't be able to assist with this because of his workload. He will order the materials and have them delivered to the garden.

Peg has volunteers in mind to build the elevated bed

Gardener of Month for October

#30 (Katherine) had the most votes.

There was a discussion about adherence to the height (5ft) requirement. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Other Business

Peg made a motion to ban tomatoes because of lack of harvesting. After some discussion, the motion did not have a second and failed. Strategies for handling unharvested crops will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was noted that the front padlock is difficult to lock. Joel will lubricate it and perhaps swap it with the one on the back gate, which is not used as much.

The next meeting will be held on November 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned for the Harvest Potluck

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Martel
Recording Secretary