

Steering Committee Meeting
February 9, 2021

Attended- Joel Hersom, Peg Mills, Bruce Martel, Karen Martel, Harry Neilson, Walte Buczacz, Linda Edgerton, Michelle Hiltz

1. Joel made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the January meeting, Bruce seconded the motion. All approved the motion
2. \$1329.00- January balance as of the end of December. Includes two corrected errors.
552.50- from Erica for January payments/ registrations- not included in the \$1329.00 balance.
Clynk-\$133.30
Go Daddy-\$239.88 not included in the \$1329.00 balance

Old Business:

3. 11 garden plots still available and unrented. We do not have names for the 2021 renters yet.
Karen- sent a notice/press release (Portland Press Herald) to advertise the remaining garden plots.
Jean Saunders- From Aging Saco Seniors puts out a newsletter. Could be a good way to reach out to a gardener for the accessible plot. Other spots to advertise Saco Main Street with Rob Biggs (executive director). Word of mouth is also an option.

Bruce willing to continue as the coordinator for the compost but we will need someone for other volunteering opportunities.

Linda is willing to be a member at large.

4. Peg made corrections to the budget proposal that was requested at the last meeting. Bruce made a motion to accept the proposed budget, Harry seconded. It was unanimously approved.

New Business

5. Looking for ideas to make the garden more health/community based.
Bruce proposed adding a stand outside the garden for anyone donating extra produce. Joel seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

A renter sent an email asking about the raised bed #7. Peg will contact her.

6. Peg proposed going back to the past timeframe for renting to line up better with the budget. December seems a little early to start to be thinking about gardening. Starting in January as opposed to December is the recommendation. Peg will talk with Ryan to

see if they have a preference about giving priority to Saco residence to sign up before opening it up to others. We will discuss at the next meeting.

7. March annual meeting will be on Zoom. It is \$14.99 for a month of Zoom to have an unlimited meeting. Karen proposed paying for the month of March. Bruce seconded the motion.

Since it will be a virtual meeting, Peg proposed mailing a party favor. Having a door prize as well to increase participation. Peg will work with the vice president and community outreach (Karen) to get things organized and prepared.

8. Bruce made a motion to adjourn. At 7:40. Seconded by Harry. Next meeting is March 9 at 6:30.