

Saco Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting
Via Zoom
Thursday, April 9, 2020

Attended: Bruce Martel, Karen Martel, Walter Buczacz, Joel Hersom, Michelle Hiltz, Peg Mills, Laurie Thompson, Maarta Laiho, Chris Eng, Dorothy Mathes, Lora Marchand, Claudie Northway, Tina Hooper, and Harry Nielson, Dorothy Mathes.

Peg called meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February meeting.

New slate of officers were voted on and approved by 16 members via email. A motion was introduced to ratify that vote. It was seconded, and approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the April 2nd steering committee meeting was introduced, seconded, and approved. Michelle Hiltz recorded the minutes.

Joel as SCG's new treasurer reported \$1620 taken in for rentals. (Plot # 7 is still available.) He also reported from city of Saco expenditures recorded on 12/3/19- 366.10 + 494.60. Further expenditures from the city are 72.33 + 34.81 on 12/31/19. February expenditures are 108.00 and 121.00.

Joel had not yet had a chance to review all receipts and expenditures. (He only received the info this afternoon.) He will continue to review. Peg has sent a query to Ryan at the city of Saco regarding the amounts of 72.33 + 34.81 + is waiting to hear back. She is certain these 2 charges are not the community garden's expenditures.

Karen reported a total of 136.39 in the Clynk account.

It was reported that Plot #30 has become available. A healthcare worker is simply too tired to garden.

All the preopening tasks were named again.

Sticks and paint were passed to Nancy Nelson to paint each gardener's name for their plot.

Rachel Bolduc (sp?) and her husband volunteered to lay fabric once we're allowed. Sara Bowen (sp?) has volunteered to pull up landscape fabric.

A Covid-19 discussion followed. One extension service that Peg contacted recommended no planting in the community garden at this time. The York county

extension office sent a multitude of information like Covid-19 FAQs for Community Gardens. The information includes cleaning tools before + after use, installing a wash station + an individual to monitor washing, sanitizing + what EPA approved sanitizer to use.

Joel read a letter from the city of Saco explaining that all parks including the one the garden resides in are currently closed. They will re-evaluate in early May or possibly later, if the garden may open. If the garden is to open, it will certainly be later than our usual May 1st opening date. SCG will be required to present a CDC guideline to the city regarding how to keep the gardeners safe.

Joel proposed a meeting at the end of April or May 1st to create our guidelines. He made a motion to keep the garden closed till May 1st. It was seconded by Laurie and passed unanimously.

Peg is to padlock the front and back gates to the garden and post a sign on the front gate tomorrow. Peg will also compose an email to go out to all gardeners.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, April 30th at 6:30 p.m. The Zoom link will be made available to all gardeners.