

Saco Community Garden  
Steering Committee Meeting Agenda  
Community Center, Room 203  
May 8, 2019

Present: Michelle Hiltz, Joel Hersom, Bruce Martel, Bruce Arral, Walter Buczacz

Bruce Martel called the meeting to order at 6:32

Joel made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Bruce A. seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Peg was unable to make the meeting today so there was no treasurer's report

★ The clynk account balance is \$82.92 as of Monday, May 6, 2019

**Volunteers-**

Shed cleanup- Harry and Debbie Neilson put up tool racks in the shed as a volunteer project and it has made a big difference. There is still some work to do... There are some rusty nails and unusable materials that need to be thrown out. Additionally there is a need for some tidying up and weeding out of stakes and tomato cages. This is a future volunteer opportunity.

Hours- 8 people have complete hours, 2 are partially completed, and 32 have not begun. 2 hours is required of every gardener. Please place your hours in the log as you complete your time

Gate- Based Bruce M's observations, the width of the front gate is a contributor to why it is not working well. It doesn't make sense to continue repairing it, so we are proposing replacing it and possibly making it smaller. Ryan Sommer, the parks and rec director is looking into the possibility of this repair.

Porch, Compost Bin, New Plot- There is no new information regarding these projects at this time.

Siding on the shed- It has board and batten siding. The battens are coming off because the nails do not come through to the other side. Shorter nails may have been used and are causing it to come apart. Additionally, the doors to the shed are beginning to rot. This is something that will need to be replaced in a couple of years.

**Old Business-**

The garden is now open. The water is on and the hoses are now out.

Organic guidelines- We are still waiting for more information. The solution to the current rule is that we may need to add a statement that things used need to be organic.

Bylaws- We need clarity of voting procedures. Current procedure calls for a majority of board members but this should be changed to a quorum

Still need a picture of Bruce Arral for the website. Bruce took a couple of pictures and it will be added.

Videos for the website- We would like to include videos of volunteer opportunities such as with composting. This would eliminate the need for an additional person to show up and train volunteers. We need to generate a list of gardening suggestions that may be interesting to others. Do you have any gardening tips that others may find useful. A couple potential topics are transplanting seedlings and gardening with kids. Send to Karen ([kmartel@seguinsdesign.com](mailto:kmartel@seguinsdesign.com))

Yard Sale- The tables are \$25. They provide the table but any items that are not sold need to be removed at the end of the sale. If anyone is interested in taking this on (coordinating, tend to, cleaning up) then contact Bruce ([bmartel1631@gmail.com](mailto:bmartel1631@gmail.com))

## **New Business**

Paths next season- The fabric has not been taken up or the garden rototilled in the last 3 years. There is not a need to rototill the whole garden but the paths in between the plots are becoming concave. We are considering using a tine tiller on the pathways. When replacing the landscaping fabric next it will be best to use woven landscape fabric instead of the stuff that we are currently using.

We would like to brainstorm further regarding vegetables that are not being picked and going to waste. What is the best way to address this?

Gardener of the month- The steering committee will begin voting on a gardener of the month next month.

Ice cream social- The ice cream social will be held on July 10th this year. This will take place in the garden at the monthly meeting. Joel and Michelle will be organizing and running it.

Floating row covers- We do have floating row covers for gardeners to use.

The next meeting will be June 12th

