

Saco Steering Committee Meeting (Virtual Meeting)
September 8, 2020

Attended: Karen Martel, Bruce Martel, Michelle Hiltz, Joel Hersom, Peg Mills, Walter, Tina Hooper (joined late), Theia

1. Peg called the meeting to order at 6:31
2. Joel made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting, Bruce seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's report- Due to a clerical error with the water bill, the garden will be credited with \$208.21. A purchase of 2 plants for \$10.62 occurred.

Clynk account balance as of 9/8/2020 is \$165.42

4. Volunteers

Has completed no hours- 25

Has completed partial hours- 8

Has completed all their hours- 23

Total time spent volunteering- 109 hours, 15 minutes

5. Plot # 54 was voted Gardener of the Month.
6. Volunteering- At this point composting is the main priority. As people begin cleaning out their plots they will need to separate out the tomato plants from the other compost. Bruce will send out a notice communicating this to the renters.
7. Tarp work- We have purchased 3 tarps to be used on the knot weed that is growing and infringing upon the garden. Peg will spearhead this work.
8. Stealing in the garden- One of the new watering wands has been stolen. A gardener also recently had a plant stolen. Peg made a motion to put two new pad locks on the front and back gate, alert all renters (about the lock changes and theft), and have officers check in on the garden (2x per day each). A conversation occurred. Additional suggested responses to the thefts also included: adding a sign stating that only current renters are allowed in the garden, a camera, and walking the fence to ensure there are no gaps. It was decided that all of these suggestions will be acted upon except for having the officers check the garden twice a day each. Bruce seconded the motion regarding response to thefts. It was unanimously approved
9. Review of soil improvements- After further inspection of the new plots (following the August Steering Committee meeting), some of the new plots are growing well, but not

all. Plots 53, 54, and 55 seem to not be growing as well as the other plots. These plots will be given soil amendments at the end of the season.

10. Karen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34, Joel seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Next meeting Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30

Notes submitted by Michelle Hiltz