

Saco Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting
January 9, 2019, 6:30pm at Saco Recreation Center

Attending: Bruce Martel (Chair), Joel Hersom (Vice Chair), Peg Mills (Treasurer), Members at Large: Walter Buczacz, Rachel Bolduc Ron Bolduc, Michelle Hiltz. Also attending Bruce Arral.

Draft Bylaw changes prepared and presented by Bruce. Bruce asks that officers review these changes and be prepared to vote on the changes at the next meeting.

Bruce will present draft Guideline changes at the next meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting (November 2018) were presented for approval. Peg moved to accept, seconded by Ron, and passed unanimously.

Peg presented a review of Budget year December 2017 through November 2018 and a proposed budget for December 2018 through November 2019. Those in attendance proposed suggestions to fundraise for the coming year, but not fundraising action was voted on. With the proposed budget, officers proposed increasing the Misc. Expense line by \$5 to bring the expense total and the income total into balance. Joel moved and Rachel seconded to approve the proposed budget with the \$5 change. Passed unanimously. Copy of the budget draft is attached to these minutes.

As of today 17 plots are available for rent.

Concerning volunteer hours, Joel has documentation sheets through November 11, 2018. Joel reported that 6 renters worked no volunteer hours, 10 renters worked a portion of their 3-hour obligation and 26 renters completed at least 3 hours. Bruce will share with Joel any additional volunteer information. All present agreed that pre-season volunteering counts (i.e., distributing literature or painting garden markers).

Bruce presented projects for the new season:

1. install lattice on the west side of the porch
2. install racks inside the shed to hang tools in a safer and more organized manner
3. create some type of platform or holder for compost buckets so that they are not in the way of the mower, and not in the center walkway of the garden.
4. create the 7 new plots—Rob Moody of Moody's Nursery has been engaged to excavate and fill these plots.

The excellent website that Karen Martel is working on is now available. Pictures and information for the site can be sent to Karen. We're still working on how to record volunteer work on the website. Karen will also be working on new posters and brochures.

Joel and Peg agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 13 at 6:30.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Peg Mills, Secretary pro tem