

Saco Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting  
(Virtual Meeting via Zoom)  
August 13th, 2020

Attended: Michelle Hiltz, Peg Mills, Bruce Martel, Tina Hooper, Theia, Harry Neilson, Joel Hersom

1. The meeting was called to order by Peg Mills at 6:32.
2. Harry made a motion for the minutes of the July 16th meeting to be approved. Bruce seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.
3. Karen put out a newsletter virtually
4. Joel gave the treasurer's report. New expenses this month are 189.71 for hoses and wands. Our estimated balance is 881.39. 3,861.00 is the carry forward amount for 2019 (we think).
5. Joel reported on volunteer hours
  - 21- Have completed all of their volunteers
  - 9- Have completed some volunteer hours
  - 26- Have completed no volunteer hours

96.7 hours volunteer hours worked in total

6. Gardener of the month- Sylvia King- Plot #34
7. Registration for the garden is now closed as of July 30th. Pam Mcgrath (plot #36) would like to garden and maintain plot #46 (an abandoned plot) for the remainder of the season. Harry made a motion to accept this. A discussion occurred around letting her garden with the addition of another volunteer hour but this was not supported by the larger group. Peg made another motion to give the plot to Pam. This was approved. Joel will send out an email to the other gardeners asking about their interest in gardening and taking over future abandoned plots.
8. Plots in need of attention- There are 4 plots currently not being gardened. 1 is officially abandoned. Peg has been reaching out to renters whose gardens are overgrown and spilling into the pathways or appearing abandoned. Some have responded but there are still a couple of people who we have not been able to make contact with.

If people are having difficulty weeding their plots for any reason then there are people available to help. Please reach out.

9. It has been observed that people are doing better at draining the hoses.
10. The new plots (from last year) do not seem to growing as well as the plots that were recently given soil amendments. We have additional soil amendments that can be used

in these plots. We will provide instruction on how to use these so people do not ruin their plants. Peg proposed doing a soil test in the fall.

11. Knot weed is infringing on the garden. Lumber covers will be purchased and placed on the lawn in the back of the garden right after if is mowed next.
12. Volunteer opportunities- Current opportunities include: emptying and sifting the contents of bin #4 into buckets. Chopping the contents of bin #1 and moving the contents into bin #2

Bruce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39  
September 10th- next meeting at 6:30

Meeting notes submitted by Michelle Hiltz