

Saco Community Garden
Steering Committee Meeting
Saco Community Center, Room 203
Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 6:30pm

Attended: Bruce Martel, Karen Martel, Walter Buczacz, Joel Hersom, Michelle Hiltz, Peg Mills, Bruce Arral

Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:33

Peg made a movement to accept the minutes of the last meeting, Karen seconded the nomination, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report:

Peg presented the treasurer's report. The fiscal year began December 1, 2018 and will end November 30, 2019. Peg will meet with City Hall to ensure that our income figures match the city figures. To date we have spent \$2,100.08 with approximately \$415 of pending expenses (soil amendments, landscape fabric, faucet post lumber, and annual water bill)

Clynk Balance-\$115.39

Volunteer report:

7 gardeners have not done any volunteer hours. There are still a few tasks that can be done for those who need to complete their hours. Bruce M. will send out an email to gardeners who have not completed their time to verify that our numbers match theirs and also to offer up a final opportunity for them to complete their time.

6 gardeners have partially completed their hours

32 gardeners have completed all of their hours

128.7 hours total volunteer hours

Building/repair projects for this season:

Broken fence posts- Ryan Sommer suggested that the city may be able to assist in fixing this issue. He recommended using Main Line Fence. Bruce will follow up.

The hemlock wood has been purchased for the spigot supports and is currently in the shed

Old business:

We will discuss the 501(c)(3) status at our January meeting

New business:

Brochures- We will buy more brochures and flyers. Peg made a motion that we print 100 more with an estimated cost of \$65, Joel seconded the motion, unanimously approved.

New corner stakes- we will purchase new ones for the next year. The old ones are in poor shape. Peg recommended that we get 1 inch squared stakes.

Tilling and soil amendments- Peg will purchase the amendments. The cost will be about \$175.

Two gardeners brought extra produce to the health food store in Biddeford, which sold the produce and gave the gardeners a gift certificate. Bruce sent an email to the gardeners, and clarified the rules about selling produce.

Budget (potential maintenance/ expenditures)

- Website cost, including the domain name- \$260
- Shed maintenance- painting and some board repair-
- Fence/Gate
- Landscape Fabric- we have some but will need more
- Rototilling
- Additional Soil Amendments
- Soil for plot #7 (possible)
- Miscellaneous Tools
- Hoses
- Cold Frames
- Education and Community Outreach Opportunities

The next meeting will be in Thursday, January 16th