Minutes 06/19/2025

Saco Community Garden

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There were 5 members in attendance:

Bruce Martel Karen Martel

Joel Hersom Walter Buczacz

Bertha Dawn

The minutes from the May meeting were passed unanimously.

Volunteer Hours:

of Plots Hours Completed

28 Not started

12 Partially Completed

15 Completed

Total of 47.95 hours completed.

We have two hoses and two nozzles available.

Financial Report:

Financial City Balance as of April 17 \$2,526.51

Petty Cash 416.09

Clynk 100.40

Gardener of the Month:

This was the closest vote we have ever had, but the winner is Diane Nakonechny plot #17!

Old Business:

We have enough corner stakes to replace old ones as needed.

The pvc pipe to protect hoses is working well. It was noted that we could use one for the stake by the handwashing barrel.

We are still working on getting some gravel to fill in by the gate.

Bruce will send an email to let everyone know we now have the fabric pins to take care of the garden paths.

As plots become available, they are offered to the waiting list starting at the top of the list. If there is no response after around 36 hours, it is offered to the next one in line. Two plots, 32 and 43, were given up so the new gardeners will need orientation.

New Business:

To clarify the role of Volunteer Coordinator, it was decided that they need to look at the garden as a whole and see what needs to be done.

The compost bins need repair, so we need to finish sifting the compost in bin #4 so the compost in the other bins can move over. Bin #1 is very full and needs to be emptied.

It was brought to our attention that one of the water wands needs to be replaced.

Posting everything to Google Drive seems to be working well.

We have received several requests from gardeners for someone to water their plots. It was decided to put out a service task to make "Water Me, Please" signs to be placed in the plots requesting water.

Ice Cream Social:

The annual ice cream social will be held in the garden on July 17, with an abbreviated meeting to approve the monthly minutes and to choose the next Gardener of the Month.

In the event of rain, the event will be cancelled.

Bertha offered to head up the event but requested help.

It was suggested that the newsletter include pictures of the May and June gardens chosen as Gardener of the Month.

Joel noted that there is still an outstanding receipt to Peg for the Reny's gift cards waiting for reimbursement from the city. He will speak to Ryan about it.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn.