

Minutes 10/17/24  
Saco Community Garden  
Saco Community Center

There were 10 members in attendance:

Karen Martel	Bruce Martel
Joel Hersom	Polly Gosselin
Peg Mills	Bertha Dawn
John Saulle	Amanda Mondor
Linda Edgerton	Walter

The minutes from September were unanimously accepted.

Financial City Balance	\$3,828.66
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+ 250.00 Donation from Peg Mills

4,078.66

- 850.00 ½ deposit for fence

\$3,228.66

Petty Cash	\$ 284.97
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Clynk	\$ 55.50
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Gardener of the Month is Bruce Arral plot #49. Congratulations Bruce!

Volunteer Hour Stats:	Done	30 plots
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Partial	15 plots
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None	11 plots
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There is a total of 129.5 hours completed.

We have 4 spare hoses and 3 spare nozzles available.

We went over the Gardener Questionnaire which received 34 responses out of 56.

For question #2, which covered which garden communications were the most helpful, it was moved and unanimously voted to have an online newsletter four times per year: April/May, June/July, August/September, and October/November.

Question #4 asked if we should prohibit sunflowers from being grown in the garden. It was moved and unanimously voted to not prohibit sunflowers.

Question #5 covered having orientation before the start of the growing season, and who should attend. It was decided to have orientation available for new gardeners presented by an officer at

the start of each year. All renters are welcome to attend, with new gardeners encouraged to attend.

Question #6 asked if there were enough activities available to complete the two-hour service commitment. It was decided to send out service suggestion emails only to gardeners who need to fulfill their hours, and to send out emails privately starting in July as a reminder to complete their hours.

Question #7 asked if people were interested in participating in a mentoring program. There were 8 people who indicated they would be interested in being a mentor, and 7 said they could use a mentor, so it was decided to offer mentoring in conjunction with orientation.

We went over the Community Garden Guidelines, and under #10, Good Habits, we will insert Polly's work after the first sentence. Peg will type up the changes and present them at the meeting in January.

We will be holding a Potluck dinner at the Community Center on November 21 at 6:00pm. It was decided not to hold a formal meeting, but to keep it as a family social event. SCG will bring drinks and paper goods, and an email will be sent out at the start of November. It is encouraged for gardeners to bring their families. The \$100 drawing for members in good standing who completed their volunteer hours by November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be drawn at the potluck. It was moved and unanimously voted to let Joel write the check for \$100.

Among the closing garden activities, it was brought up that the ground around the water barrel is often muddy and slick, and needs to be resolved.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn