

Minutes 9/19/24

Saco Community Garden

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There were nine members in attendance:

Nancy Nelson	Polly Gosselin
John Saulle	Karen Martel
Bruce Martel	Peg Mills
Joel Hersom	Linda Edgerton
Bertha Dawn	

The minutes from July were accepted after clarification.

Financial City Balance	\$3,828.66
Clynk Account	\$ 30.95
Petty Cash	\$ 355.33
Paid to John for plants	47.37
Paid to Karen for Go Daddy	<u>22.99</u>
Balance	\$ 284.97

\$250 is in the process of being donated.

Gardener of the Month is Aubrey Cox plot #27. Congratulations Aubrey!

Reminder to lock the gate after the last gardener leaves as parsley and butternut squash were stolen from various plots.

It was suggested that we have a check list for orientation.

After much discussion about over-height plants, it was decided that we come up with structured procedures for dealing with the problem with an officer to head up enforcement. Polly offered to write up proposed procedures.

A survey will be sent out to solicit opinions and suggestions from the gardeners.

Volunteer Hour stats:	Done	26 plots
	Partial	12 plots
	None	13 plots

There is a total of 118.5 hours completed.

The garden closing date is November 3rd at dusk. Garden plots must be cleaned out and ready for winter to remain a member in good standing. Also, we were reminded that volunteer hours must

be completed by the 3rd to be eligible for the \$100 drawing to be held at the potluck dinner in November.

After discussion, a motion was made to keep the eligibility for the \$100 drawing as November 3rd, but to use the time between the garden closing and the November meeting on the 21st as a grace period for finishing up volunteer hours to remain a member in good standing. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.

The Volunteer Coordinator for October will be Peg Mills.

Gate progress:

We have a contract with Anchor Fence to do the posts and gate for \$1,695 using cedar instead of pressure-treated wood which they said warps.

It was voted to postpone the 5 yards of loam for under the walkways and the soil for under the gate until spring. It was suggested that maybe we should lay sod under the gate.

There will be a potluck dinner at the November meeting. All gardeners are urged to come to celebrate another successful gardening season. There will be more information discussed at the October meeting.

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

The next meeting will be October 17th at 6:30pm in the Rec Center.