Minutes 09-17-2026
Saco Community Garden
Saco Community Center

There were seven members in attendance:

Joel Hersom	Bruce Martel
Beverly Boucher	Francoise Paradis
Linda Edgerton	John Saulle
Bertha Dawn	

The minutes from August were accepted unanimously as amended.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial City Balance:	$4,931.18
Water bill	- 11.09
Total:	$4,920.09

Petty Cash:	$ 392.75
Two renters:	30.00
Cash Venmo	30.00
Total:	$ 452.75

Clynk: $ 61.90

Service Hours:

Completed Hours	29 plots
Partially Completed	19 plots
No hours Completed	8 plots

Total Hours: 144.73

Gardener of the Month for September is Janice Henry, plot #30. Congratulations, Janice!

Flower proposal from neighbor follow up:
A neighbor suggested that we dedicate one or two plots to raise flowers which we would sell bouquet subscriptions to raise money for the Saco Food Pantry. It was decided that the neighbor needs to talk with Ryan of the city to see if this proposal is acceptable to the city. It was suggested that we could just make a cash donation to the pantry, or the neighbor could rent a plot for this purpose. Nothing can be decided until we hear from Ryan.

Old Business:
Adding spigots to the back of the garden has been put on hold. Bruce will ask Bill Cline to talk to Ryan.

The fascia board on the tool shed needs to be replaced.

We will post ongoing service hour opportunities such as composting and watering the flowers along the fence.

It was decided to keep the compost bins for now.

Using Google Docs will keep all documents together and accessible to others.

New Business:
It was agreed that the service hours for a gardener who could not complete them because of injury would be waived, or someone could do the hours for them.

A few plots are currently at 1.9 service hours. It was decided to round the hours up to meet the 2 hour commitment.

The post for spigot #1 which rotted, was replaced by a gardener.

It had been reported that spigot #4 wasn't working right. After replacing the nozzle, everything is now working.

Someone donated a new wand to replace the one at spigot #1.

The sunflowers are now pretty much within the Guidelines so they aren't putting other gardens at risk. A couple suggestions for revising the sunflower policy was to hold instructional classes, and to use along the back fence to plant sunflowers.

Harry has been notifying Bruce about untended plots.

Future of the Garden:
We need to continue increasing delegating tasks to spread out the workload.

The garden closing date is November 8 at dusk.

The next garden meeting will be October 15 at 6:30pm in the Community Center.

It was voted unanimously to adjourn.