

Minutes 05/15/2025  
Saco Community Garden  
Saco Community Center

There were 8 members in attendance:

Ciera Lazarus	Amanda Mondor
Linda Edgerton	Walter Buczac
Polly Gosselin	Joel Hersom
Bruce Martel	Bertha Dawn

The minutes from the April meeting were passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Financial City Balance as of April 17	2,526.51
Peg's plaque	<u>- 78.40</u>
Total	2,448.11
Petty Cash	416.09

No Clynk report this month.

Volunteer Hours:

There has been a total of 10 hours 47 minutes of volunteer hours recorded so far.

Gardener of the Month is Bruce Arral, plot #49.

Old Business:

Opening Day was April 26, and the water has been turned on.

Bruce bought grade stakes to replace some corner markers and cut pvc pipe to test if it will work to protect the garden hoses and plots. The test worked well, so he plans to buy more pipe. He is still working on getting gravel for under the front gate.

The drainage problem with the washing station was discussed and it was suggested sending an email to the city about the possibility of getting some pea stone from them.

Bruce will research if using compost on the paths under the landscape fabric is a feasible idea.

The floating row cover material in the shed is getting tattered, so Bruce will buy a new roll.

The new mentoring program is going well with several people signed up.

There are 10 people on the waiting list for plots. No plots are available right now.

All new gardeners have attended the orientation sessions.

New Business:

Bruce is organizing Cloud storage on Google Drive for the steering committee as a central place to gather all information in one place.

Joel offered to be the Volunteer Coordinator.

Bruce will fix the compost bins which need repair.

It was voted unanimously to change the By-Laws to include orientation, that volunteer hours are to be recorded only in the logbook with email being used only in an emergency, to specify that other officers may serve as acting Chair at the monthly meetings in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, and to remove the requirement for Garden Activities Coordinator to be replaced with volunteers for each activity.

We will be looking into getting a hand-cranked chipper for the compost.

It was suggested that we invite music groups to play in the garden on Sundays.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 19, in the Community Center.

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