

Kennebunk Community Garden Committee

1.27.16 Minutes

Room 300, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Present: Harry and Michelle Ruth (teleconference), Leo Hallen, Leslie Lindgren, Barbie Rummler, Steve Doughty, Gus Favreau, Sarah Downs, Rona Klein

Absent: MaryLiz Baker, Dom Cacciola

Guests: none

Minutes: 10.28.15 minutes accepted (Gus, Barbie)

Budget Update: Leslie distributed copies of the proposed FY 15-16 budget. A discussion of the proper dispensation of rollover funds followed; no decisions made.

Leslie then raised the unresolved issue of a pergola in the WK garden; she spoke firmly in opposition to the pergola, stating that such an expenditure would do nothing to advance community garden goals. Sarah Downs spoke in support of the pergola project. A motion to was made to cease the discussion on constructing a pergola at the WK garden (Leslie/Leo) MVA

Grant Update: Leo announced a grant from KGI for \$490. Citing the opportunity to double that amount if we deferred receipt, Leo recommended we wait. Leo cited his optimism, especially in view of a good relationship with Roger Doiron.

Leslie mentioned that Roger would be presenting his "Eat the View" on 2.8.16 talk at the Seacoast Garden Club. She invited the KCGC members to attend.

Leo recommended that we order business cards (from VistaPrint) for committee members.

WK update: Leslie distributed copies of the spreadsheets that Michelle developed to tally and report MHH harvest data; the committee praised her work and thanked her.

Sarah reported that the WK garden is nearly fully rented for the 2016 season. Leslie suggested keeping a waiting list if needed.

PSS update: Barbie reported that she is optimistic about returning gardeners but has not started a recruitment effort. Committee discussed recruitment tools, including flyers to distribute at Town events and to neighboring homes. Leslie mentioned the possibility of writing an article for local papers.

Barbie again expressed concern about unresolved drainage issues.

Old Business: Leslie requested that the committee discuss updating our bylaws at our next meeting, giving members time to discuss changes after receiving copies for review.

New Business: Leslie will open discussion of scholarships for needy gardeners.

Adjourn: 6:35 pm (Gus, Barbie)

Next Meetings: February 24, March 24, April 27.