

Kennebunk Community Garden Committee

May 11, 2016 Minutes

Seed and Bean, W. Kennebunk, 5:30 p.m.

Present: Leo Hallen, Leslie Lindgren, Barbie Rummler, Steve Doughty, Sarah Downs, Rona Klein, Harry and Michelle Ruth

Absent: Dom Cacciola, MaryLiz Baker, Gus Favreau

Guests: Sandy Tillman

Minutes: 4.27.16 minutes accepted (Sarah, Barbie)

Budget Update: none

Grant Update: Leo reported no news.

Community Garden Update: The Committee unanimously named Sandy Tillman (a former Committee member) as an Associate Member.

Leslie distributed our new pamphlet to Committee members and said a special thanks to Sarah Downs for her work revising the pamphlet.

Leslie reported that the Town is checking minutes, including attendance. Leslie and Barbie will be working to assure that the Committee complies with the Town's records requests.

Leslie announced an important meeting of the Selectmen on 5.24 and urged Committee members to attend. She will be speaking about the community gardens.

The Committee discussed the upcoming workshop, to be held at the Town Hall at 5:30 p.m. on May 18th. The agenda for this meeting will include an intro with photos, a discussion of volunteer hours-reporting requirements, assisting with harvests, etc., the Adopt-A-Bed program, and other general information about organic gardening principles, companion and succession planting.

WK update: Steve announced that opening day for the West Kennebunk garden is 5.29.16. He also spoke about work that still needs to be done: holes in the chicken wire, the johnny jump-up invasion, leveling the depressions. Leslie said that six volunteers were scheduled to pull the johnny jump-ups on Thursday, May 12th. Steve also reported that the water is on at the garden.

PSS update: Barbie reported that many gardeners have already planted peas, lettuces, chard, radishes and other cool-weather crops. She reported that the new sitting area has an umbrella table with four chairs (donated by John Rummler) and that we are encouraging donation of some more 'gently used' outdoor furniture.

Old Business: none

New Business: Leslie reminded the Committee of her presentation to the Selectmen on 5.24, and urged members to attend

Adjourn: 6:27 pm (Barbie, Leslie)

Next Meetings: May 24, June 8, June 17. The Committee will continue meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday.