

KENNEBUNK COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE

May 25, 2016 Minutes, Room 300, Town Hall, 5:30 P.M.

Present: Leslie Lindgren, Leo Hallen, Michelle Ruth, Harry Ruth, MaryLiz Baker, Gus Favreau, Steve Doughty, Rona Klein

Absent: Barbara Rummler, Sarah Downs, Dom Cacciola

Guests: None

Minutes: 5.11.16 accepted (Gus, Leslie)

Budget Update: Leslie reported no update

Grant Update: Leo reported no update

Community Garden Update:

Workshop: The May 18th workshop was well-attended by new and returning gardeners. One point raised at the workshop—to move harvest to 5:00 to make it possible for greater participation will be implemented when feasible.

Selectman Meeting: Leslie's presentation on May 25th was well received. The meeting will be rerun on channel 5.

Bylaws: The bylaws approved in March were distributed. Article V of the bylaws addresses attendance requirements for committee members. Leslie will seek clarification of requirements with respect to our committee. Leo raised a question about the difference between binding and non-binding committee designations with respect to the attendance issue.

WK Update:

-Compost was delivered and it was spread by Chuck Stevens. The committee approved a gift certificate for Chuck to be funded by donations.

-Steve and his committee have been working to ready the beds for planting. A major undertaking has been to raise the level of a number of beds that were sinking. This may have to be repeated on a smaller scale next year.

-Steve provided a checklist for opening day, May 28th.

-Steve suggested and the committee approved renting a roller to level the ground where the beds were raised.

-MOTION: Ban all invasive species and some nuisance plants such as Johnny jump-ups and Jerusalem artichokes from the garden (Steve/Gus). The motion was approved unanimously.

-Steve was commended for an outstanding job.

-Pot lucks. Gus volunteered to roast a turkey as the focal point for the first pot luck. Everyone attending will be asked to bring another component to the "Thanksgiving in the Garden". The date will be Friday June 24th - rain date Monday June 27th.

-Plot 26 is open and will be a scholarship garden bed.

PSS Update: The seedlings from Frinklepods have been planted. A date to plant the tomato, pepper and eggplant seedlings will be scheduled.

There are currently no plans for pot lucks. However the gardeners will be encouraged to bring along a picnic dinner or snacks to be enjoyed in conjunction with the Thursday harvests. Leslie suggested that Herbs might be approached to donate a picnic table.

Old Business: None

New Business: The committee discussed the location of future meetings. It was decided to reserve a room at town Hall for the 4th Wednesday meetings. Leo will check with Seed and Bean to see if we can meet there for the 2nd Wednesday meetings. We will be notified about the location of the June 8th meeting.

Adjourn: 6:59 (Gus, Leslie)