

Kennebunk Community Garden Committee

June 8, 2016 Minutes

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

Present: Leo Hallen, Leslie Lindgren, Barbie Rummler, Steve Doughty, Gus Favreau, Sarah Downs, Harry Ruth, Michelle Ruth, Sandy Tillman, Dom Cacciola, MaryLiz Baker

Absent: Rona Klein

Guests: none

Minutes: 5.25.16 minutes accepted (Gus, Michelle)

Budget Update: Leslie emailed the updated budget to committee members.

Grant Update: Leo reported no news. Next KGI cycle will likely be in the fall

WK update: Leslie said that opening day was a great success, with thanks to everyone who came to help out. She also expressed the committee's gratitude to Chuck Stevens for his tilling and spreading of 75 yards of compost.

Leslie also said she would be adding regularly to the 'bug list'. A few organic means of catching bugs was mentioned. Michelle suggested a soapy solution bucket be available for the early morning bug patrol to use. Leslie will pick up cedar shingles and two buckets with covers for each garden. The Adopt-A-Bed program still needs a few more participants.

Some of the corner garden pipes have been moved by the gardeners. Steve will correct the pipes tomorrow and reset some of the garden plot perimeters. Leslie will send out an email to the WK gardeners that the corner pipes must not be moved under any circumstances.

Some of the pathways have plantings in them and the plants need to be moved. Aisles/pathways at the garden must be clear for accessibility.

The potluck supper originally scheduled for 6.24 was changed by the committee to 6.27 with a rain date of 6.28.

PSS update: Barbie reported that PSSCG has bigger creatures than bugs to worry about and cited evidence of a woodchuck foraging kale et al from the 12" high beds. She said that Rona's husband Alex has a Have-A-Heart trap and is willing to assist in ridding the garden of the woodchuck.

Steve visited the garden and is concerned about the weeds around the perimeter of the raised beds becoming out of control. It was suggested that Barbie be sterner with her weeding emails to the PS gardeners. Hopefully, a few PS gardeners will come forward for the weed patrol.

Barbie also said one of our gardeners was making birdhouses for the garden. Discussion ensued regarding the type and location of birdhouses. She said the current plan is to mount them

above the water stations and possibly place a few in the tree perimeter. Leslie will ask the Town to help with birdhouse posts and placement.

Barbie also said that PSSCG would be participating in the volunteer-of-the-month awards.

Old Business: The committee discussed the best ways to track hours. Sarah said she uses a spreadsheet; Barbie uses an email folder and then compiles hours for reporting.

Leslie forwarded the non-binding status definition to the committee. Non-binding means that our decisions/results are not legally binding.

New Business: Leslie said the meeting dates through July are tentatively set as follows...June 22, which we cancelled due to conflict with the Town Volunteer Appreciation Night, July 13 at Seed and Bean, July 27 at Town Hall.

Adjourn: 6:27, (Leo, Steve)