

Kennebunk Community Garden Committee

July 13, 2016 Minutes

Seed and Bean, W. Kennebunk, 5:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Barbie Rummler, Sandy Tillman

Guests: Janice and Jim Kenkel, Cynthia(?)

Minutes: 6.8.16 minutes accepted (Gus, Leo)

Budget Update: Leslie reported no update

Grant Update: Leo reported no update

PSS Update: Rona reported Volunteer of the Month for June is Mary Sewell. A wooden "Big Red Tomato" has been placed in the MHH bed Mary has adopted. Dick Parker crafted the "Big Red Tomato and Barbie painted it. Dick is the same person who made the birdhouses for the garden.

Rona reported that the weekly harvests have been well attended by many generations of gardeners.

Leslie provided a new scale to be used at harvest. There was a discussion about the need to have a scale mounted on the patio as the ladies who take care of the weighing have limited mobility.

WK Update: Leslie said that she has a detailed bug report that would be circulated to committee members. It was too technical to go out to all gardeners.

Leslie led a discussion about the signs that have been prepared to notify the public that dogs are not allowed in the garden and that non-gardeners are prohibited from picking produce. There is also a sign for the PSS garden.

Leslie informed the committee that a \$150 gift certificate to the Village Tavern was purchased and given to Chuck Stevens in gratitude for his work.

Steve led a discussion about the bug situation. The "potato bugs" have done significant damage to potato plants and spread to tomatoes, eggplants and other vegetables. Because of the intense vigilance required to control the bugs, Steve suggested that each season, gardeners be discouraged from planting potatoes.

Steve and Leslie asked that all gardeners be reminded that the bug patrol is not responsible for individual gardens.

One gardener has not taken care of the extreme bug situation in her garden. Sarah will contact her in an effort to motivate her.

Steve and Leslie stressed the need to trim back all tomato plants to maintain healthy plants and prevent blight.

Pot Luck Dinners: The committee was unanimous in its praise for Gus' efforts in the successful "Thanksgiving" pot luck dinner. The dinner was well attended.

The next dinner is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. The theme will probably be "Baseball". PSS gardeners are invited to participate.

Michelle reported a great harvest last week—over 200 pounds. Many of the committee members attribute the successful season to the seedlings from early planting at Frinklepods.

The garlic may be ready to be harvested. Leslie explained the best way to test to see when it is ready. After harvesting, it needs a couple of weeks to dry out.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next meeting is July 27<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall.

Adjourn: 6:20 P.M. (Gus, Leo)

Minutes recorded and submitted by Rona Klein