

Kennebunk Community Garden Committee

July 27, 2016, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall

Minutes

Present: Leo Hallen, Leslie Lindgren, Gus Favreau, Sarah Downs, Harry Ruth, Michelle Ruth, Dom Cacciola, Rona Klein, Barbie Rummeler

Absent: Steve Doughty, MaryLiz Baker, Sandy Tillman

Guests: Cynthia Graves

Minutes: 6.13.16 minutes accepted (Gus, Leslie)

Budget Update: Leslie reported no update.

Grant Update: Leo asked for garden narratives to use in grant applications. The Committee discussed a wonderful 93-year-old gardener as an example.

WK Update: Leslie said she would send out water-saving notice, necessary due to near drought situation. She reported that there was no water this week. The well had been inadvertently turned off by pickle ball equipment placement. The Recreation Department asked if the pickle ball players could use our shed but we are at capacity and cannot accommodate their request.

Bug patrol going well. Shingles placed throughout the garden are successfully attracting bugs. Japanese beetles are back. We will place two beetle traps outside the garden to hopefully entice them not to go in the garden.

Leslie recently met with Ed Sharood. His KHS class will be building a large harvest table for WK like the one in PS. They will also build an octagon picnic table for PS.

As for potlucks, Sarah reported a lower turnout at the last potluck (16), and suggested that Committee members should attend. The Committee agreed on 9.12.16 as the final potluck of the season.

AWS isn't using as much produce for critters. MHH will harvest as needed.

Michelle reported weekly harvest numbers: 361.25 WK, 78.5 PSS, and a cumulative total of 1199.5 pounds.

PSS Update: Barbie reported that the weed committee was shorthanded due to travel and illness, but had generally been doing a good job. The Committee discussed long-term solutions, including landscape cloth between all the beds.

Barbie reported continued critter assaults. Leslie recommended aluminum pie plates as a deer deterrent.

Old Business: None

New Business: Barbie reported an invitation to the Committee to host a table at the West Kennebunk Day celebration on August 6. Late notice dictated that we decline the invitation for this year.

Upcoming meetings: August 10th at Town Hall. August 24 meeting will also be held at Town Hall.

Adjourn: 6:25 p.m. (Rona, Leslie)