

Kennebunk Community Garden Committee

May 11, 2023, 5:00pm

Meeting Location: Kennebunk Town Hall, Room 300

Present: Leslie Lindgren, Dick Coots, Kathy Dolan, Sandy Tillman, MaryLiz Baker, Dominic Cacciola, Cynthia Graves, Rona Klein

Excused Absences: Tristan Jordan, Gus Favreau

Guests: Betty Coots, Elizabeth Mokas

Select Board Liason: Leslie Trentalange

Approve March 22 (Rona, Cynthia) and April 26 minutes: (Dom, Sandy)

Budget update: FY 2021–22 printout from town. Discussion of what ongoing capitol expenses will be, at a future meeting. Purchases will all have to be done through Leslie or Dick.

Grant report update: None

WK Update: Opening Day will be Saturday the 20th, from 9am to noon. The water is on. We have a short to-do list, such as; irrigation lines and MHH plantings to be put into the field, and pathways installed. Michael's soil analysis work discussed, bags of blood meal are now being provided as the only needed amendment: at planting, then again in a month or so. The newsletter is well-received, and shorter "flash" alerts may be published during the season.

PSS Update: A lot of people showed up for the workday, placing 5 yards of loam and planting A,B,and D beds. There is a chipmunk hole already in B. Water is on, irrigation will be turned on May 18th. Opening Day will also be the 20th, beginning at 1pm. Plot assignments will be posted once all the MHH and opening chores are completed. Adopt A Beds will include plantings in the bump-outs.

MHH Notes: Leslie and MaryLiz had a good meeting with COS to discuss how best to support pantry clients' preferences for fresh produce. Seedlings and succession plantings will be needed to meet the increased demand. No plastic bags will be used for harvest, everything in boxes.

New Business: A special welcome back to Rona, who is looking forward to the new season. Members with expiring terms have all renewed (but one, to be done asap.) Reminder to complete FOAA review online and sign with Town Clerk.

The gardener's informational session for both gardens is immediately after this meeting.

Celebration with KHS students for the new PS beds will be May 23rd at 11am.

Next Meetings: May 24, Jun 14, Jun 28, Jul 12, Jul 26, Aug 9, Aug 23, Sept 27, Oct 25

Adjourned: 5:37 pm (Dom, Cynthia)

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Tillman
Secretary