

Kennebunk Community Garden Committee

June 14, 2023, 5:30pm

Meeting Location: Kennebunk Town Hall, Room 306

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

Excused Absences: Tristan Jordan

Guests: Betty Coots

Select Board Liason: Leslie Trentalange

Approve May 24 minutes: (Rona, Gus)

Budget update: None

Grant report update: Seed money is asking for testimonials for their 20th year anniversary.

WK Update: Due to recent wet conditions, irrigation is shut off temporarily. Cucumbers were hit hard by recent cold weather. We need to pull the plants in the field and replant. Leslie will pick up new seedlings. Dick suggested using Marketmore since they are more disease resistant. We had a soil discussion with comments on pH. There are flea beetles on the kale and broccoli. Diatomaceous earth was used to halt their progress. Yoga "in the garden" discussion.

PSS Update: The 2 new 4x4 beds are in place and will be planted with zucchini. Faith Gilman wrote a nice article in Tourist News about the KHS students and the celebration of the new beds. The known wasp nest has been neutralized. Thank you Tristan. Check overhangs on the beds for any new wasp nest formation. Pollinator beds are being installed in front of the fence. Kathy has some plants to donate. Dick suggested buying metal beds from Home Depot. He will work with the Town to get them ordered. Plans are to order 3 beds to start. Leslie's friend Ben will level the ground.

MHH Notes: COS discussion, some of us may be returning to food pantry distribution.

New Business: Tshirts and denim shirts will be offered to the gardeners for a fair price. Leslie T will follow up with the powers that be for best was to accommodate this. Robin Swennes has already sent the files to A&W. Leslie and Betty have met with A&W to begin the ordering. We hope to have samples for the Thanksgiving in the Garden celebration.

Leslie is making a presentation to the Select Board on July 11th.

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

Adjourned: 6:22 pm (Dom, Kathy)

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Tillman
Secretary