



## Killingly Community Garden Committee

### REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, October 4th, 2017  
7:00 p.m.  
Killingly Town Hall  
172 Main Street, Killingly CT 06239  
Room 102

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*Elizabeth M. Wilson*

### Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - A. Welcome and Introductions-Meeting called to order by chair, Wayland Leonard, at 7:00pm, with John Colbridge, Brittany Evans, Carrie Carter, Jess Viens, Eric Rumsey, Heather Goodier (arrived 7:05), Virginia Keith (arrived 7:15), and Chris Shaw in attendance.
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. September 6th, 2017 Regular Meeting-a motion was made by Jess Viens to accept the minutes. Seconded by John Colbridge. Approved unanimously.
- III. Citizens' Comments-None
- IV. Ongoing Business
  - A. Workdays/Goals-
    1. At the last workday the shed was cleaned out. Eric said that everyone did a great job. Carrie mentioned that there are several empty pots available. Wayland will contact Beth Knowlton to see if the school can use them. He also reported that Beth had contacted him and that she may have student help available. He will follow up with her. Carrie has some seeds from the shed and has tried to start them. There should be an inventory created of remaining seeds. Brittney and Eric created inventories of items in the shed. They will compare them for accuracy. We still have glass panes and the feasibility of cold frames for future seasons should be looked into.
    2. The next cleaning day, Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am, will be focused on: weeding, hanging the scale, putting up one camera, blowing out the lines and removing soaker hoses. A cover crop should be planted and the Ag students will be asked to assist with this. What the students do should be reported to Louise Lee as there is a youth volunteer portion of the grant that needs to be met.
    3. Eric will look into a power source for clean-up day.
    4. Goals for next year will be explored further at next month's meeting.
  - B. Tomato Fest Recap-John, Carrie, and Sam were at the Tomato Festival and spoke to several people about KCG. Jess was there in the morning and brought supplies. Flyers were handed out. Next year, it would be helpful to be closer to, or turned towards, the Farmer's Market area. The location of the booth is a bit out of the way. There was also discussion about possibly doing a float next year. We should also look for more ways and events to increase KCG's presence in the public.
  - C. Fundraising-No update
  - D. KCG Website-No update. John said the site looks good.

E. Bylaws-A motion was made by John, seconded by Jess to adopt the bylaws as presented by Eric with the only change being the removal of the word 'the' before the list items in the mission statement. Approved unanimously.

F. Educational/Outreach-

1. Virginia and Jessica Huie held a class and installation for a low tunnel. There were 7 attendees from various towns and all were very enthusiastic about the project.
2. Carrie spoke to an experienced canner at the Tomato Festival. She would like to run a class and this contact would be there to assist in answering questions. Locations are being researched. She would like to hold the class in Killingly, if possible. She will work on it over the winter.
3. Virginia suggested advertising on Facebook, etc. to see if other experienced local people would be interested in teaching or holding gardening classes or seminars.

G. 501c3 Nonprofit-No update

H. Other-

1. Eric reiterated that the Town staff may be able to assist with tasks, such as watering.
2. Jess will order spring bulbs for the garden.
3. Linda's Garden's designer has not received a check from the Town as of yet. He is very upset. Jess will forward his emails to Jonathan.
4. Jessica Huie will take soil samples from the garden beds for testing.
5. Wayland, Jess, and Virginia are meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm to discuss and create a job description for a volunteer coordinator.
6. Carrie has been exploring various worksheets that may help with KCG organization. Virginia indicated that the Putnam Community Garden is willing to share information as well.

V. Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 1st, 2017

VII. Adjournment-at 8:43pm upon a motion by Jess Viens, seconded by Carrie Carter. Approved unanimously.