



## **Killingly Community Garden Sub-Committee**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, April 04, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Killingly Town Hall, Room 102  
172 Main Street, Killingly CT 06239

### **MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - A. Welcome and Introductions — Meeting called to order by Jess Viens, Chair at 7:01pm. KCG: Jess Viens, Carrie Carter, Wayland Leonard, Heather Goodier, Brittany Evans. AG: Chris Shaw (Liason to KCG). Staff: Eric Rumsey. Sharon George was introduced as the new KCG Volunteer Coordinator.
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. March 12, 2018 – Special Meeting — Motion made by Wayland to approve the minutes, seconded by Carrie. Approved unanimously.
- III. Citizens Comment – (Individual presentations not to exceed 3 minutes; limited to an aggregate of 21 minutes unless otherwise indicated by a majority vote of the Committee) – None Present
- IV. Ongoing Business – review/discussion/action
  - A. Garden Coordinator – Sharon George — Jess gave a rundown of the previous week's interview with Sharon and Wayland. Sharon talked about her experiences and qualifications for those who were not at the interview.
  - B. 2018 Garden Year
    - i. 2018 Gardeners / Plots — Jess has two people interested in plots. Heather and Sharon are both interested in plots of their own. Carrie said she talked to Nancy and told her the KCG is willing to help her maintain her plot if necessary. Brittany will contact her coworker Sherry to see if she's still interested. In an effort to increase interest, the group will post more fliers in various locations around town and Carrie will send one to WINY. Sharon volunteered to submit to the Villager and Reminder and also suggested that the KCG cross-promote with the Garden Club at their plant sale.
    - ii. Planting Day – May 12th — The date was moved to Sunday, May 20th due to scheduling conflicts. It was decided to have an informal cleanup day on April 29th to make sure the garden was prepped and in good shape for Planting Day.

- iii. Watering Schedule – Starts the Week of May 12th — This will start May 20th, after the new Planting Day. Responsibilities include turning on the water to irrigate the beds and watering perennials. The group discussed the possibility of using Google Calendar to coordinate the schedule and putting a time sheet in the shed to keep track of time spent.

C. Outreach

- i. KCG Website / Facebook / Instagram — Heather will continue to post on Instagram and give Sharon access to the account
- ii. Garden Coordinator — Sharon will stay in contact with Chris, keep track of her own hours, and submit any expenses for reimbursement.
- iii. Flyers / Advertising / Events — Wayland will try to talk to Wendy at Heirloom about the fundraising event this summer. We need a date, preferably after June 30. Local musicians who could be approached for live entertainment were discussed.

- V. New Business – review/discussion/action — A modest seed order will need to be made, including hot peppers and butternut squash for the fundraising collaboration with Black Pond Brews. It was decided that at the next meeting the KCG will talk about what else is needed, depending on if plot holders are planning on bringing their own plants or not. Sharon suggested adding a question to future applications to determine if gardeners will supply their own plants.

Carrie said the KCG needs to order 1 or 2 yards of compost before Planting Day. A decision needs to be made about a vendor.

Jess wants to include the schools in future projects. This has been difficult in the past because school is not in session when the garden is most active, and many teachers don't know how to garden. VoAg student projects were discussed as a possibility, and Wayland suggested re-establishing contact with Beth Knowlton at the High school. Chris volunteered to ask Adam Griffiths from the Ag Commission if he could ask his sister, who is an educator, for input. Carrie wants to trial potatoes, since they would be an easy project for students.

- VI. Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 02, 2018

- VII. Adjournment — at 8:15 pm by Wayland, seconded by Brittany. Approved unanimously.