



## Killingly Community Garden Committee

### REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, April 5th, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Killingly Town Hall

172 Main Street, Killingly CT 06239  
Room 102

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### 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, Sam Abbamonte, Jess Viens, Brittany Evans, and Jonathan Blake, in attendance. Also in attendance were members of the Killingly Alternative Learning Program (Steven Craig, Aldon Adams, Mackenzie Miller-Holawaty and Barbara Placido) and Patricia Denemy from the Girl Scouts.
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. March 1, 2017 Regular Meeting-a motion was made by John Colbridge to accept the minutes. Seconded by Jess Viens. Approved unanimously.
- III. Citizens' Comments
  - A. Killingly Alternative Learning Program staff and students- Student Aldon Adams spoke regarding the possibility of restoring the greenhouses at Westfield Avenue. He is hopeful that the greenhouse will not be torn down and would like to explore alternatives. Jess indicated that Frank Anastasio said that there are major issues with the greenhouse and the cost would be 'astronomical' to repair it. KCG members discussed other structural issues. KCG expressed their support for saving the greenhouse should the funding be found. A grant has been awarded to the students for gardening supplies. EastConn has approached them regarding a service learning project, perhaps in the courtyard. Jess indicated that one of their first steps should be to determine if there is adequate sun in the courtyard for growing. KCG members also indicated that they have garden tools available and would also welcome volunteers for the garden. Planting Day may be a good day for introductions and volunteering. Sam indicated that she has been contacting schools regarding student volunteers. Jess said and that she has daytime availability and may be able to meet with the teachers and students.
  - B. Girl Scouts-Patricia reported that her troop can't be dedicated to the Michaela's garden, but they are interested in planting day and potentially volunteering a few days during the summer. They are not interested in a garden plot. Other troops may be interested. The representative from Michaela's Garden has been trying to contact KCG through the Girl Scouts, though emails sent from KCG have not been answered.
- IV. Ongoing Business
  - A. Elks Grant-Wayland reported that KCG will receive the Elks grant again this year. The grant is for \$2000 and will be used for the website, completion of the irrigation system, signage, plants, educational materials and community outreach. Jonathan will meet with the Town Engineer regarding a permanent irrigation hookup. A subcommittee meeting and an early clean-up day will be planned for the weekend of April 22<sup>nd</sup> to finish last year's projects and plan for this year's grant.

- B. Fundraising-no update
- C. KCG Website-Wayland is interested in using WIX for the website. The cost is approximately \$310.00 for 3 years and grant money would be used. He will get additional quotes. Jonathan indicated that his office can post during the week and that they should have some type of administrative access.
- D. Educational/Outreach-Sam is meeting with EastConn to establish more youth involvement in the garden.
- E. Bylaws-John questioned the dissolution portion of the updated bylaws. Jonathan indicated that it was something that it could be looked at and that ultimately it would be up to the Ag Commission. He suggested presenting the by-laws to the Ag Commission once they were finalized.
- G. Other-
  - 1. Seeds-Jess has dropped the seeds off with Beth. However, there may be issues with the greenhouses, in which case, plants may need to be purchased.
  - 2. Planting Day will be scheduled for Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Rain date will be Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Wayland will contact Heirloom Foods regarding refreshments and post the information on Facebook. Wayland will create a flyer for the event and have applications available on the day.
  - 3. BOE needs to be contacted regarding a portable toilet or access to the building, especially for Planting Day. Jonathan will look into this.
  - 4. Previous gardeners should be contacted to see if they are returning. The Alternative Learning Program may be interested in a plot.

V. New Business-Review/discussion/action

- A. Other-Jess suggested a cob oven for events at the garden. There may be issues with having a fire on the property. Jess will contact other gardens to see how they have handled the process.

VI. Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

VII. Adjournment-at 8:01pm upon a motion by Sam Abbamonte, seconded by Jess Viens. Approved unanimously.