



Killingly Community Garden Sub-Committee

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, May 02, 2018

7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes

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I. Call to Order and Roll Call

A. Welcome and Introductions — Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Jess Veins, Chair. KCG: Jess Veins, Brittany Evans, Heather Goodier, Wayland Leonard, Sharon George, Carrie Carter (at 7:09). Ag: Chris Shaw (liason to KCG). Staff: Jonathan Blake. Also in attendance: Cheryl Rucki of KCS Little Green Thumbs and Wendy Garoshen of Heirloom Food Co.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. April 04, 2018 – Regular Meeting — Motion made by Wayland to approve, seconded by Brittany, 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). Motion made by Wayland to suspend, seconded by Jess, approved unanimously.

Wendy was asked to discuss her ideas for an upcoming fundraiser at Heirloom. She passed out a list of ideas and questions. The group approved July 21st, 7-10pm as the date and time. Tickets will be \$35/person, with a maximum of 38 tickets available, to be sold by July 14th. There will be a prix fixe dinner menu and dessert bar. Wendy will arrange a musical act and KCG members will choose another. Heirloom and KCG will both run ads for the event on social media and Wayland will design the ads, menus, and tickets. KCG members will help run the event.

Sharon introduced Cheryl Rucki, an educator at Killingly Community School who runs their Little Green Thumbs garden. The school board approached her about working with KCG. She wants to bring the kids to KCG and would like us to contact her if we have any ideas for collaboration or would like to visit the LGT site.

IV. Ongoing Business – review/discussion/action

A. 2018 Garden Year

- i. 2018 Gardeners / Plots — Jess Veins has applications from two people, with \$20 donations to Friends of Assisi from both of them. Sharon brought her application, also with a \$20 donation to Friends of Assisi, and Heather will fill out hers. Sharon referred another couple who are donating \$20 directly to KCG. Altogether, out of the 11 plots, the garden should have between 2 and 4 still available, and will need to reach out to a few people who have expressed interest but haven't turned in an application.
- ii. Garden Cleanup Day – April 29th. The day was rained out. Carrie briefly went to the site and noted that the raised beds need some weeding and a couple boards need to be replaced. She also wants to get rid of the old metal barrel because it looks too worn out. Sharon George will ask some of the farmers at her job if they'll be willing to give us any old teat wash barrels as a replacement. She also said that ECR in Danielson will donate compost if we can arrange the use of a truck before Planting Day. Carrie will try to get that delivered on May 6 or 7. Jonathan will ask the DPW if we can have a pickup truck load of mulch after the compost is done.
- iii. Planting Day — May 20th — Sharon noted that we are less than 3 weeks out from Planting Day and gardeners need to be notified. She will email them and say that the hours are 9-12 and in the first hour there will be an informal orientation for new gardeners. She will also ask them what they plan to grow. They can bring their own plants but KCG also has leftover seeds from last year that are available for free. There was a brief discussion about how the KCG could coordinate with other groups like the Ag Commission on educational events.
- iv. Watering Schedule — Starts the Week of May 20th. The gardeners will mostly be responsible for watering their own beds and KCG officers will make sure the barrels are filled. If a gardener lets Sharon know they are unavailable then KCG officers will water their beds during their scheduled times.

B. Garden Purchases

- i. Account Balance as of 4/27/18 — \$506.81 + \$20 from new gardeners = \$526.01
- ii. Compost — settled during discussion about Cleanup Day
- iii. Seeds — settled during discussion about Planting Day

C. Outreach

- i. KCG Website / Facebook / Instagram — Wayland removed the ad for the Garden Coordinator position from the website.
- ii. Garden Coordinator — Sharon passed out a draft of a press release about Planting Day and will submit it to free publications after a few corrections. Discussion ensued about how much outreach gardeners want or need and the group decided it would be best to send weekly emails to gardeners.
- iii. Flyers / Advertising / Events — Wayland and Jess put out fliers last week. Sharon will send the revised press release this week. Wayland will make a Planting Day ad for social media and send it to Sharon and Heather. Spring Fest was brought up in previous meetings but the group decided it was not necessary to be officially involved.

V. *New Business – review/discussion/action* — Jess wants to add an agenda item to the next meeting to talk about planning a gardeners' picnic for later in the season.

VI. Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 06, 2018

VII. Adjournment — Wayland made a motion to adjourn at 8:50pm, seconded by Jess and approved unanimously.