



## Killingly Community Garden Committee

### REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, May 3rd, 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 7:07pm, with John Colbridge, Jess Viens, Brittany Evans, Jonathan Blake, and Christel Shaw in attendance. Also in attendance was Linda Colangelo from the Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH).
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. April 5, 2017 Regular Meeting-a motion was made by John Colbridge to accept the minutes. Seconded by Jess Viens. Approved unanimously.
- III. Citizens' Comments
  - A. Linda Colangelo-Linda gave a presentation titled, "Killingly Community Garden-How to Grow a Community in Just 153 Days." She showed before and after pictures of the garden and expressed appreciation for the work KCG has done. She indicated that there may be raised beds available from a grant the NDDH has received. She also said that KCG should contact her should they ever be in need of funds and she would do what she could to assist. She asked to be kept apprised of updates and improvements to the garden for reporting she does to the state. The group later discussed the raised beds being placed at Davis Place and/or Westview. Jess will contact Linda to see if this is a possibility.
- IV. Ongoing Business
  - A. Elks Grant-The Elks would like to present a check to KCG at an upcoming Town Council meeting. Once the funds are in the account, Jonathan will reach out to engineering regarding the completion of the irrigation system. John asked that they put in a backflow preventer and bleeder hose.
  - B. Fundraising-no update
  - C. KCG Website-Wayland has researched web hosting companies for the KCG site. Comparing WIX, Squarespace, and Weebly, he found that WIX was the least expensive and the only one that allows for a 3 year upfront contract. Site names and extensions were discussed. It was agreed that killinglygarden.com would be preferred. Should 3 pricing quotes be needed, Wayland will send the information regarding to Sam to submit to the Town.
  - D. Educational/Outreach-No update

- E. Bylaws-Jonathan is continuing work on the bylaws. Clarification from Chris and Jonathan was given regarding the need to change the dissolution section of the previous bylaws. Jonathan asked the officers to review and submit suggestions for finalized bylaws.
- F. Killingly Alternative Learning Program- Steven, a teacher from the Alternative Learning Program, has done some work at the garden with Wayland and John. KCG is hopeful there will be more involvement with students from the program.
- G. Michaela's Garden-Wayland will check with Heather at Davis Place to see if they are interested in Michaela's Garden. If not, Chris will forward the information to Frank so that he can contact the Killingly Library to see if they would take over the garden. Mother Nature's Garden may also be interested.
- H. Planting Day- Planting Day will be held, rain or shine, on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-12. KCG will purchase refreshments. Wayland will write a press release which Chris will send to the local press. Applications for plots will be available for the gardeners.
- I. Other- John asked Jonathan to see if wood chips from the Town would be available this year for mulch. He would not need them until after Planting Day. Loam will also be needed.

V. New Business-Review/discussion/action

- A. Other-Frank sent Jess an email regarding a group of community/urban gardeners in the area. KCG is interested in this new group and Jess will contact them for more information.

VI. Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 7th, 2017

- VII. Adjournment-at 8:22pm upon a motion by John Colbridge, seconded by Jess Viens. Approved unanimously.