



Killingly Community Garden Committee

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, June 7th, 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 7:08pm, with John Colbridge, Samantha Abbamonte, Brittany Evans, Jonathan Blake, and Louise Lee in attendance.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. May 3rd, 2017 Regular Meeting-a motion was made by John Colbridge to accept the minutes. Seconded by Samantha Abbamonte. Approved unanimously.
- III. Citizens' Comments-Louise Lee spoke regarding the Beacon Grant awarded by the Elks. She reminded the group that the paperwork for the grant must be submitted before July 31st. After that, the group can reapply immediately for another grant. Wayland commented regarding the work John has been doing and how nice the garden looks. Louise asked what else needs to be done. John and Wayland talked about the completion of raised beds (loam will be purchased to fill them) and purchase of additional plants. Louise also spoke regarding the fundraising that the Elks does and how the money goes back to the community.
- IV. Ongoing Business
 - A. Fundraising-Regarding the Elks grant: The grant check has been deposited. Jonathan has followed up with the Town. He will go to the garden site for a rough estimate of materials needed for the irrigation system. Sean Hendricks has said the Town will donate labor. He will also speak with the superintendent, if need be. Jonathan will contact the group when he has the estimates. The Elks would like to be involved with the labor as they need to volunteer time for the grant. Jonathan mentioned purchase of a "yard hydrant," which was recommended by Dave Capacchione to assist with freezing issues.
 - B. KCG Website-Quotes have been obtained for website hosting. Sam will bring them to Finance. Louise reminded the group to also submit the receipts to her as the website is part of the grant. Wayland asked about how to register the domain name. Jonathan said he could do it once the information is sent to him. There was discussion regarding the domain name. The preference of those present is for killinglycommunitygarden.com.
 - C. Educational/Outreach-
 1. Classes-Sam has a contact who could do gardening for mindfulness classes. She will check his availability for the next meeting. John suggested more canning and jarring classes.
 2. Tomato Festival-John indicated that KCG will have a booth at the Tomato Festival this year. Jonathan suggested also having an activity for children. Wayland may be able to make vegetable stamps for a

stamping project. John suggested a geocache/letterbox. Wayland suggested that the idea be brought to the Tomato Festival committee. Sam also mentioned a painting activity.

3. Outreach-Sam reported on her youth outreach attempts. This year wasn't as successful as she had hoped. She thinks starting earlier next year will be beneficial, perhaps in early spring. Louise mentioned that the Elks have a Boy Scout troop that may be able to be involved with the garden. Also, she suggested sending the information to Kevin Marcoux at the High School.

D. Bylaws-Jonathan will send a Word document to the group for review and for any modifications.

E. Killingly Alternative Learning Program-

1. ALPS-Steven, a teacher from the Alternative Learning Program, spoke with John. Next year, the ALPS program is moving to the new High School. He is trying to coordinate with Beth Knowlton to use their Ag-Ed van for transportation to the garden. Some of the students seemed really interested in the gardening.

2. EastConn-Sam is meeting with the director of EastConn on Friday and will speak about the open plot in the garden. They have summer programs and may be interested in taking over the plot and other tasks.

F. Michaela's Garden-Wayland has sent the information to Chris. Mother Nature's Garden will be taking over the project.

G. Planting Day-Several issues were noticed at planting day. Sam will present a check request to Finance for needed items listed below.

1. Security-Two padlocks and one bracket are needed for the shed and the water house. Cameras and signs are set up for the "free veg bed" area. Wayland indicated that there is already a sign reading that cameras are in place. Jonathan should have a security camera in his office.

2. Clips for the sign-Wayland will get stronger clips.

3. Portable toilet-Jonathan will inquire as to if it was there for an event or if it should be at the garden site permanently.

4. A ball valve needs to be purchased. John suggested purchasing two.

5. There is one bed that is still available. It will potentially go to EastConn. One bed is not planted, but is assigned; it should be planted soon. One of the three beds that was dedicated to Friends of Assisi will now go to the Access Agency's emergency food pantry.

H. Other-John has more to do with the sidewalk, but the majority is done. Louise said that the Elks could help with this. She may also have access to a compactor. The watering unit is done. John will speak with Frank regarding the timer. John has also moved most of the wood chips. Wayland will contact a company for 50/50 loam/compost mix for the raised beds. More tomato baskets are also needed. Wayland has planted morning glories along the back fence.

V. New Business-Review/discussion/action

A. Other-There was discussion regarding holding meetings at the garden site during the summer.

VI. Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 28th, 2017. The regular meeting scheduled for July 5th, 2017 has been cancelled.

VII. Adjournment-at 7:55pm upon a motion by John Colbridge, seconded by Sam Abbamonte. Approved unanimously.