



Killingly Community Garden Committee

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, July 13th, 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 7:05pm, with John Colbridge, Samantha Abbamonte, Brittany Evans, Jonathan Blake, Carrie Carter, Virginia Keith, Jessica Huey and Christel Shaw in attendance.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. June 28th, 2017 Special Meeting-a motion was made by John Colbridge to accept the minutes. Seconded by Carrie Carter. Approved unanimously.
- III. Citizens' Comments-Jessica Huey spoke regarding her participation in the Master Gardener's Program. Part of the requirement for the program is volunteer hours. She would like to volunteer with KCG. She is currently employed with Virginia Keith, member of the Agriculture Commission, who suggested KCG as a possible volunteer organization. John mentioned that there is work to do on Linda's Garden's side. Sam provided Jessica with an hours log and members will coordinate with her regarding tasks she can help with in the garden.
- IV. Ongoing Business
 - A. Elks Grant/Community Garden Water Project-
 1. Irrigation system-Jonathan has met with Sean Hendricks, Town Manager, and the irrigation system cannot go forward as planned. The greenhouse will be removed in the fall and would provide an area of possible expansion for the garden. Jess noted that expansion of the garden is dependent upon a reliable water source, comparable to what was originally planned. In the interim, Jonathan will price a cover for the hose, similar to those used at fairs to prevent tripping, so that the hose may remain connected for the remainder of the season.
 2. Condition of Garden-There is some concern regarding the current condition of the garden (i.e. pavers, mulch, weeds in beds). There have been citizen comments and discussion at an Ag Commission meeting. Wayland mentioned that the mulch arrived earlier than expected. Jonathan suggested a schedule for the remainder of the season for officers to work at the garden. He also suggested a goal for on-site hours in the bylaws. The Elks are also available. They would like a 3 week notice, per Louise Lee. There is a cleaning day scheduled for Saturday, July 22nd at 8:00am.
 3. Linda's Garden-A dedication for Linda's Garden will be postponed until next year so that plants have time to become established and proper planning may take place. Virginia may have contacts to help with design. Dave Capacchione has loam available, pick up needs to be arranged.
 4. Funds-As there will be additional grant money available that was previously allocated for the irrigation system some suggestions for additional purchases include: tools, plants, signage, weedwacker,

trellises, and flamethrower. A coordinator position with a small stipend was discussed for future grant applications.

- B. Fundraising (account balance \$2628.27)-The balance does not reflect what has been spent recently.
- C. KCG Website-Wayland presented printouts of the pages he has designed thus far. The group agreed that it all looked nice. Wayland or Sam will coordinate with Jonathan for payment to WIX. Jess will assist Wayland with edits and verbiage for the site.
- D. Educational/Outreach-
 - 1. A virtual tour and QR codes would be nice additions to the garden.
 - 2. Virginia suggested visiting other community gardens to see what they do, what's successful, what is not.
 - 3. Carrie and Virginia will meet regarding classes and education. Wayland established an exploratory subcommittee for education and outreach to include items such as classes, planning, and volunteer coordination. Carrie will see what she has for a 5 year plan and the group will work on developing it further. There may be additional funds available from the Town and this would be useful for presentation to the Town Council.
- E. Bylaws-Ongoing
- F. Other-Wayland presented designs for sponsor stones, granite blocks to be used in the walkway. They are \$185 each, which seemed pricey to the group. No action was taken.

V. Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017 at 7pm at garden site, weather permitting.

VI. Adjournment-at 8:50pm upon a motion by Jess Viens, seconded by Carrie Carter. Approved unanimously.