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REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY February, 1st 2017

7:00 p.m.

Killingly Town Hall

172 Main Street, Killingly CT 06239

Room 102

Elizabeth M. Wilson

Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - A. Welcome and Introductions-Meeting called to order by co-chair, Wayland Leonard, at 7:50pm, with John Colbridge, Carrie Carter, Jess Viens, Sam Abbamonte, Brittney Evans, and Jonathan Blake in attendance.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. January 4th, 2017-motion made by John Colbridge to accept the minutes. Seconded by Jess Viens. Approved unanimously.
 - B. January 21st, 2017-Special Meeting- John Colbridge made a motion to accept the minutes with a correction made to the attendees. Attendees were: Wayland Leonard, John Colbridge, Sam Abbamonte, Brittney Evans, Carrie Carter, and Jess Viens. Seconded by Jess Viens. Approved unanimously.
- III. Election for Officers
 - A. Nominated at January 4th Regular Meeting-Voting to take place at March's meeting. Jess Viens nominated Sam Abbamonte for Treasurer. John Colbridge seconded. Approved unanimously.
- IV. Ongoing Business
 - A. Elks Grant-Jess to send Sam what was written for last year's grant. Wayland has not heard any additional news. He will contact Louise with the Elks regarding deadlines. Some of the things this year's grant could be used towards: the water system, a produce scale, signage, educational materials, plants, beautification, community outreach, advertising, a generator or a locked outlet, and website hosting and/or development.
 - B. Fundraising- Jonathan will follow up with Sean regarding January's meeting and questions Sean raised regarding ongoing issues with money handling and documentation. The group would like to know what specific issues Sean was referencing. Jonathan also indicated that donation of skilled labor services and materials should be documented. The creation of a Volunteer Coordinator position may

help with keeping track of this. The Town Building Office should be contacted for work outside of general preventative maintenance.

- C. KCG Website-On outline has been created for the website. Wayland is continuing to work on design and development. Carrie reiterated the importance having images on the homepage to catch people's attention.
- D. Educational Programs (summer)-
 - 1. Both 'active' and 'passive' education would be ideal. Several ideas were discussed: A canning and jarring class could be offered again in late summer, signage for plants, 'Drop in and ask the gardener' before meetings, children's programs, beekeeping, recipe classes, tours of the garden and how it works, edible flowers, composting, gardening for mindfulness (also discussed was the creation of a meditation space with fountain), and letterboxing were suggested ideas.
 - 2. The gardeners should be polled as to what they are interested in. It is important to get feedback for anything offered and have contact information collected for any attendees. A calendar should be created for classes and programs. Carrie will work on an outline of classes for the next meeting.
- E. Other-
 - 1. Jess spoke with Krissy Larrow at QVCC regarding volunteers from Learning in Retirement. Wayland will send Jess a flyer and it will be distributed to the LIR students.
 - 2. Seed purchase-direct sow will need to be purchased as there is not a facility to grow seeds. Last year an over-abundance of seed was purchased, less should be purchased this year. Members will be meeting on Friday, February 10th at 6:30pm to purchase seeds and growing of tomato plants for gardeners.
 - 3. Sam is going to attend local community action agency meetings. She also said that Access Agency has refrigerators for their food bank. If we know what/how much they could use, we could plan accordingly.

V. New Business-Review/discussion/action

- A. Other-If any members have by-law copies (final drafts) please forward them to Jonathan. He has many working copies, but no finals.

V. Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, March 1st, 2017

- VI. Adjournment-at 8:00pm pm upon a motion by John Colbridge, seconded by Jess Viens. Approved unanimously.