



Killingly Community Garden Committee

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, March 1st, 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, Carrie Carter, Sam Abbamonte, Jonathan Blake, and Christel Shaw in attendance. Jess Viens was absent with notification
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. February 1, 2017 Regular Meeting-a motion was made by John Colbridge to accept the minutes. Seconded by Carrie Carter. Approved unanimously.
- III. Election for Officers
 - A. Nominated at January 4th and February 1st Regular Meetings-Paper ballots were distributed and the Secretary, Carrie Carter, tallied the votes and declared the results. The following people were elected as KCG officers for a 1 year term:
 1. Wayland Leonard-Chair-elected by unanimous vote
 2. Jess Viens-Co-Chair-elected by unanimous vote
 3. Carrie Carter-Secretary-elected by unanimous vote
 4. Sam Abbamonte-Treasurer-elected by unanimous vote
 5. John Colbridge-Alternate-elected by unanimous vote
- IV. Ongoing Business
 - A. Elks Grant-Sam is waiting for last year's grant application to work on the verbiage for this year's grant. Wayland will contact Louise regarding deadlines for submission. Jonathan reminded the group that the Town Manager must sign off on grant proposals.
 - B. Fundraising- Ann-Marie spoke with Sean and KCG is 'greenlighted' for fundraising. The ability to donate online once a KCG website is developed was discussed. Gardeners may be told that, should they wish to do so, donations can be made at the Town Hall. A volunteer coordinator position would be beneficial to the group. Jonathan indicated that there is no policy for documenting volunteer time or labor unless it is skilled labor, which then requires an invoice. Anything triggering the need for a building permit should be referred to Pat in the Building Office.

- C. KCG Website-Ongoing. If anyone has pictures of KCG events, or other pictures that may be useful to the website, please forward to Wayland. Chris will ask Frank at the next Ag meeting who the administrator from the Town is for the Ag website.
- D. Educational/Outreach-
 - 1. Outreach-Wayland is in contact with a possible liaison to the Girl Scouts and will inquire as to whether they are interested in Michaela's Garden or in assisting with the Community Garden. John will speak with the Young Marines regarding volunteering and he will also look into possible meetings at Maple Court. Sam will contact Eastconn's clinical program and the Juvenile Review Board. She will also create a volunteer sign in/sign out sheet.
 - 2. Education-Carrie is working on a class schedule. She is interested in classes that highlight seasonal changes. Cooking and pickling classes were discussed. A letterbox at the garden is also an idea. Chris mentioned that the Town has had letterboxing programs in the past and she will forward Carrie the contact information she has. Classes may be held right before KCG monthly meetings to encourage people to attend. A separate meeting for classes should be held when Jess is available. Chris reminded the group that the Ag Commission would likely advertise classes if given enough notice. They can also be put on Facebook or in the Green Newsletter.
- E. Seed Purchase-\$131.20 has been expended for seeds. Plants still need to be purchased. A general list for gardeners should be created to determine what plants they would like for their plots. A gardener and volunteer contact list should also be created. Beth Knowlton has previous gardener applications. Applications should be available at planting day for any gardener who has not completed one, or for those whose information we do not have. The information should be kept secure and available to officers going forward.
- F. Bylaws-Jonathan distributed updated bylaws for review and approval. John made a motion to table voting regarding adoption of the bylaws to next month's meeting so that the officers have time to read through them. Seconded by Sam. Approved unanimously.
- G. Other- Chris asked for article ideas for an upcoming Killingly Green Newsletter.

V. New Business-Review/discussion/action

- A. Other-Carrie is continuing to work on and research a 5 year plan and reported on her findings. She is interested in continuing to enhance the garden by creating focal points, or 'centers'. It may be beneficial to reach out to other, larger, gardens to see what has worked and what hasn't, especially gardens that started small. There should be a record kept of harvests. Eventually, funded positions may be valuable.

VI. Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 5th 2017

- VII. Adjournment-at 8:21pm upon a motion by John Colbridge, seconded by Sam Abbamonte. Approved unanimously.