Killingly Community Garden Sub-Committee

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 04, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Killingly Town Hall

Note Change in Location: P&D Office

172 Main Street, Killingly CT 06239

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call
   A. Welcome and Introductions
      The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.
      Attending: Jess Porzuczek, Brittany Evans, Wayland Leonard, Heather Goodier, Carrie Carter, Linda Mathes, Marina Capraro (staff)

II. Approval of Minutes
   A. February 05, 2020– Regular Meeting & Workshop: A motion was made to approve the minutes; motion seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

III. Citizens Comment – (Individual presentations not to exceed 3 minutes; limited to an aggregate of 21 minutes unless otherwise indicated by a majority vote of the Committee): A motion was made to suspend the rules regarding citizens comment and to allow citizens full participation in the discussion; motion seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

IV. New Business – review/discussion/action
   A. Discussing infrastructure needs for the garden site: Garden committee members and citizens did a garden walk on 02/15; attendees reported back a productive gathering and infrastructure needs were identified. The most pressing issue is the need for new lumber for the beds. A discussion ensued about where to source the wood; Jess has an option for free wood that a relative would donate; the group decided to go with that option. Staff will look into pricing for more soil and woodchips from the town DPW.
   B. Update on the proposed building updates: Staff provided more information on the proposed building updates to the building adjacent to the garden; there was initially concern that the constructions would increase the footprint of the building, jeopardizing the garden’s placement. As more details on the proposed design have been released, the footprint of the building will not
expand. A town-wide referendum is due to be held on Tuesday, March 17th to determine if the building updates will happen or not.

C. **Grant Opportunity:** Staff presented the group with a grant opportunity for infrastructure funding for community gardens; Killingly is an eligible town to apply for this funding through the state. A discussion ensued about the timeline and workload of applying for a grant; the group was interested but it will be discussed further at the April meeting. Copies of the grant were handed out for members to review.

D. **Budget Update:** As of 03/04, the Killingly Community Garden has a budget of $537.

E. **Nomination of Officers:** As of this meeting, the positions of chair, treasurer, and secretary have been vacated. A discussion ensued about the different member’s eligibility and desire to fulfill the executive positions. The following nominations took place:
   a. A motion was made to nominate Heather Goodier to the position of chair; motion seconded; all in favor; motion passed
   b. A motion was made to nominate Carrie Carter to the position of co-chair; motion seconded; all in favor; motion passed.
   c. A motion was made to nominate Linda Mathes to the position of treasurer; motion seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

The position of secretary was vacated but will remain unfilled for the time being; staff will perform the duties of the secretary while the position remains vacant.

V. **Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 01, 2020**

VI. **Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded; all in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.