

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE

January 9, 2012 6:30 PM

Municipal Building, 3rd floor conference room

- Attendance: Teresa, Nicole, Chris, Amy, Kelly Sabini, Eileen Altobelli, Kiernan Joliat, Rich
- Accept and approve meeting minutes (11/7/11)-done. Amy will email to town clerk
- King St. Garden updates
 - Chris- Carlos had a pad put in the garden for the shed. Not the place we were thinking, but better.
 - Shed-tri-county was swamped with other orders from the town. Making more higher end sheds that were not what we wanted. Waiting to get a contract. Plan is to have the “Friends” purchase the materials from Franklin lumber to be dropped off at tri-county. The students will then build for \$400. Friends are paying the bill, need to have receipts for the rotary club because it is coming from a grant. Need to have tri-county and franklin lumber write up receipts.
 - Compost bins—lids blew off. Amy brought one home to be repaired.
 - Shed- question of what it will be used for: discussion of tools, personal watering cans for gardeners, storage of wheelbarrow, tools for work days, etc.
 - Discussion of what is considered town business vs. “friends” and distinction of the groups for newcomers.
- 2012 Renewals/New Gardener sign-ups—
 - Chris will have list of who can renew by Thursday.
 - Spreadsheet from last year’s application was overwhelming, so the application will be streamlined.
 - On rec website, there will be 2 links (Renewing from last year, New Garden Bed application)
 - Question of whether we want a question on the application to distinguish beds that are “organizations” and also whether we want to collect emails for co-gardeners for communications. Discussion around it—we will do a follow up questionnaire to ask for those items.
 - 2 people on last year’s waiting list will be first on the list after the renewal plots are filled. Then move on to the new waiting list.
 - Both renewals and new bed application (for waiting list) will be open from Feb 1st to Mar 2nd. The new bed applications will be received on a first come first served basis—time stamped by rec department website. Once the renewals have paid online and we see what is left, we will start on the top of the waiting list. They will be contacted on 3/5/12. Once contacted, they will have 2 weeks to go to the rec department and pay for their bed.
 - Amy will send the forms to the rec department.

- Amy will do a press release with American Towns, send to Franklin Matters, post to blog, send to Franklin News, Milford Gazette. Needs to be done by Friday.
- Wednesday will send out draft of release, needs feedback by Thursday. Send out on Friday. Nicole can post to FB.
- Upcoming meeting dates:
 - First Monday of the month, except for holidays.
 - 2/6
 - 3/5
 - 4/2
 - 5/7
 - 6/4
 - 7/9
 - 8/6
 - 9/10
 - 10/1
 - 11/5
 - No meeting in December
 - Post was filled out—Amy will drop off tomorrow.
 - Amy will talk to Diane Blanchard about booking rooms
 - 3/17/12 will be opening day of the garden. St. Patrick's day—for pea planting. Orientation, give away seeds, etc.
- New Business
 - Open positions—
 - Kelly and Kiernan filled out the forms –Town Clerk has a “Request for Appointment on Committee” form. Rich will need to fill out the form and send it in.
 - Town notifies Amy—Amy sends recommendation to Jeff Nutting. Jeff Nutting then puts it on the agenda to be approved by the town council. They approve it, and then appointees need to take the ethics online test. They receive a copy of the open meeting laws. Give them a brief overview of what that is...then they are sworn in by the town clerk.
 - Committee members' terms are up in April, since we had 1 year terms. Amy will follow up with Jeff on that, and what needs to be done. Nicole will not be renewing her term because of life situation (new baby).
 - Future agenda items
 - Plot plans this year with names?
 - Old packet—updating and distributing. Deb offered to help with this.
 - Look at and update the rules/regulations
 - Keys for sheds—lanyards
- Adjourn 7:45