

**Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes**  
**May 7, 2012, 6:45 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 106)**

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Joliat, Rich Clauser, Chris Clay, Amy Acevedo
- **Minutes for 4/2/2012 meeting:** Approved.
- **New Committee Members/Town Issues:**
  - o Associate members: non-voting. Can attend meetings and have things delegated to them, just can't vote. Amy will reconnect with Kelly Sabini, who expressed interest previously. We will also spread the word via emails to gardeners that we welcome associate members.
  - o No room booked for September 10 meeting – contact Dianne Blanchard to see what's available
  - o Terms run till June 30 – Debbie will be contacting committees re: reappointment in next month or so
  - o July 18 and Nov. 7 minutes are not posted on Town website – why? Kiernan will check with Dianne/Debbie
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
  - o Water – not officially on, but a trickle is there. We should be freeze-free at this point so Chris will talk to Carlos about getting it officially turned on.
  - o Garden beds – a few need attention (weeds, etc.). Amy took pics of 33, 22, 29, 45, 44 (major issues), 14 (Amy weeded), 7 (needs to thin carrots). Chris will include gentle reminder in gardener emails.
  - o Woodchips – lots left to spread as there was not a good turnout on Earth Day. Rec has a list of potential volunteers – we could contact them or arrange another work day for gardeners. Chris will contact Rec.
  - o Shed keys – Amy has delivered by hand or to Rec for all gardeners
  - o Books – books stored in shed seem to be getting affected by humidity. May need to find a better place to store them – possible partnership w/Library?
  - o Shed – needs painting/staining/sealing. Rich and Kiernan can paint – Chris will purchase supplies (natural colored stain/roller covers) and leave in shed. Rich and Kiernan will supply brushes and roller frames. Shed still needs to have gutters hung b/c we'll be getting rain barrels.
- **2012 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
  - o Waitlist – Amy hasn't checked recently but knows it's extensive. Garden is completely full and completely paid for, so beds will only be available if we have to kick people out for noncompliance with garden rules.
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
  - o Garden event at Y – now set for May 12. Chris will publicize to gardeners.
  - o May 19 – Tomato demo at garden 9-11 AM. Amy will check to see if she can provide some tomatoes for sale.
  - o Memorial Day event – Monday, May 28 from 11-1. One year garden anniversary! Possibility for small plant sale. Amy will ask Whole Foods to donate cake.
  - o June 16-24 – National Pollinator Week. Possibilities – could host screening of “Vanishing of the Bees,” have Howard Crawford or Lauren speak, giveaway of bee-friendly plants. Will set firm date for event at June 4 meeting.

- Possibility of potting strawberry runners to sell at some point for fundraising – Amy and Chris will coordinate
- **New Business:**
  - New garden sites – Amy and Rich took a tour to check out some potential spots.
    - Dacey Park – section below parking lot at bottom of hill (right across from dog park) is a good sized sunny flat spot. Could have good potential – only question is water access. Need to do more research on that point.
    - Behind Jeep dealership – amazing space! Amy’s goal is to write a proposal for the space to present to property owners (land is privately owned). We will ask for Jeep to bankroll the project and take out liability insurance (if they say no, we can purchase separately thru Friends fundraising). Problems are parking and water – Town could put in dedicated water line but we’d have to pay for usage. Also some earth moving might be required.
    - Behind church – that would be Food Pantry space and Amy is working on that with the Food Pantry. (Wants to make 4 King St-style beds in that space with funding from Food Pantry and Interfaith Council.) Ultimately, beds behind church would be tended by private Food Pantry volunteers (not leased to public) and existing beds near Food Pantry could go back to public use.
- **Adjourn: 7:31 PM**