

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2012, 6:45 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, 3rd Floor)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Joliat, Chris Clay, Rich Clauser, Amy Acevedo
- **Minutes for 8/6/2012 meeting:** Approved.
- **New Committee Members/Town Issues:**
 - o Terms – Need to reappoint at least chair and vice-chair for new terms – town website also lists secretary as appointed position. Amy has reconsidered and will be able to stick around – Chris nominates Amy for chair, Rich seconds. All approve. Amy nominates Chris for vice-chair, Rich seconds. All approve. Amy nominates Kiernan for secretary, Chris seconds. All approve.
 - o Kiernan needs coverage for Oct. meeting – will be out of town.
 - o We would like to change meeting time to 6:45 – Kiernan will notify Debbie Pellegrini and Dianne Blanchard (cc Teresa Burr) to change posted cards.
 - o Need meeting space for next month – library possible? Amy will check to see if other space is available in Town Hall first, then check with library if Town Hall doesn't work.
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Chris visited today and garden is a hot mess – looks like nobody has been weeding their sections (areas around beds). Recent rains have brought down a lot of the support structures for taller plants. Chris will send out group email tomorrow re: need for weeding and get a work day scheduled for common areas/moving woodchips/emptying compost bins. Chris will propose two dates – 11th or 18th to see when we can get largest group in. Will also include info on what to plant in fall
 - o Weeds are a big problem along fence line and behind compost bins especially – discussing various ways to kill them (weedwackers won't work). Heat guns/weed blowtorches/vinegar might work – Amy will test out her portable steamer on home weeds and then report back.
 - o Some tomatoes that are suffering from septoria spot – no indication of any late blight. Some early blight, but hot weather has stopped it.
 - o Water – last year it was shut off around end of Oct. Chris will talk to Town to find out when it will go this year.
 - o Meeting coming up with Methodist church – we've already got OK to build 4 raised beds behind church for food pantry (will be cared for by church community). Just need to get a build team together.
 - o King St will get 4 new beds for community in currently empty areas, plus additional 4 from food pantry moving over to church
- **2012 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o We are still full – no regrets on having people give up beds if they're not taking care of them. Chris will include in email – clean up or else!
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - o Target date for tomato fest – Saturday, Aug. 18
 - o Looking forward into Sept – Downtown Partnership having a Harvest Festival 9/30. Would be great to have a community garden presence of some sort there. Need to come up with something free or next to free – open to ideas.

- **New Business:**
 - o Bulletin board at shed for garden info (upcoming events, plant info, etc.)? Rich has offered to build one if we can design a good weatherproof one. We could possibly ask Franklin Glass, etc. to donate a sheet of plexiglas – Amy has plenty of spare lumber and a woodshop we can use.
- **Adjourn: 7:34 PM**