

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2012, 6:55 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 Minutes for next meeting – Chris will cover for Kiernan. Kiernan will send minutes/agenda to Town Clerk as usual when back in town.
 - o Annual Report – Amy prepared Committee annual report for us for fiscal year ending 6/30/12 (due to Town 8/20). Report notes highlights between July 2011-June 2012 and adds three months we were chartered prior to July 2011. Amy followed format of other groups' annual reports and Town was happy. Pictures included! Next year's report should be done by the Secretary (Amy took it on this year due to schedule issues).
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Work day Saturday, Sept. 8 – had about 8 gardeners show up, all weeds cleared and mulch spread around first row of beds. Main aisle still needs to be done – need at least 1 more, maybe 2 work days. Chris will email to see if anyone can pitch in next Sat. from 9-12, then one last work day in Oct.
 - o Neglected beds – lots of people ignoring emails re: weeding areas around beds. Only about 12 out of 46 beds are being properly weeded. Idea: next email will give gardeners 2 weeks to clear up beds and if they don't, they will lose garden privileges for next year. Could also word it as: you have two weeks in which to weed your bed or contact Chris with reason why you can't (or let us know you'd like to give up the bed for someone else). Good beds are 1-6, 38, 36, 46, 45, 44, 20.
 - o Need to set date with Town for turning off water (around end of Oct.)
 - o Rich has obtained rain barrels – just need to do a little engineering to give them spigots, drains/screens for top, etc.
 - o Bed 3 had eggplants stolen! Same bed had garden ornaments stolen last year – may want to consider moving her to a back bed if she wants.
 - o Kudos to Celia Sternadore – has done great work emptying compost bins for us
 - o Town has continued to provide great amount of wood chips – we should be all set for that
 - o Food pantry – beds at King St will be released to public, church will build new beds for food pantry in spring
 - o Rich will draw up a plan for the garden bulletin board and work with Franklin Glass to get plexiglas for it. Either Amy or Kiernan can provide cork/tile for bulletin board.
- **2012 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o Waitlist – someone was told at Rec that waitlist closed in March. Amy thinks there's some confusion b/c lottery did close in March, but waitlist is NOT closed. Online shows waitlist only open till end of Sept. (should be till Dec.) Amy talked to Town re: updating waitlist, but hasn't happened yet. Will report at next meeting on true number of available beds/people on waitlist – then we can get some folks assigned to beds now and charge them in spring.

- New beds – we have \$ to build 4 new beds, but Chris would prefer to build in spring to help extend their lives. Will have some \$ left over for educational/community programs.
- Big Y – Amy has made a contact with them and the nonprofit may be able to partner with them in a capital way
- Gardener rules – May want to consider changing bylaws to require volunteering at/attending one work day event per season. Potentially could assign someone from the garden as coordinator for that. To pair with that we should commit to doing one work day per month.
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - Upcoming work days – Saturday, Sept. 15 and another in October (end of season work day)
 - Oct. 6 – garlic/shallot planting event. Could be good opportunity to do the cleanup day also. Tangerini's may be willing to donate – Chris will inquire
 - March 17, 2013 – Falls on Sunday, so might be a good day to do another annual opening/pea planting demo (rain/snow date following weekend). Could potentially do new bed build that day too if weather permits.
- **New Business:**
 - None
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