

**Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes**  
**October 7, 2013, 6:52 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 205)**

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Bonnie Kaiden, Chris Clay, Amy Acevedo
- **Minutes for 9/16/13 meeting:** Approved.
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
  - o Committee needs to submit recommendation to Town for Bonnie to join committee as full member.
  - o Amy would like to step down from committee and focus on Friends – planning to submit resignation after November 2013 meeting.
  - o We also need another member and Chris has been putting out feelers to the gardeners – Debbie Pellegri also putting notices in paper.
  - o Community garden website is down (provider issue) – Amy has been working on getting it back up. We will no longer be able to host it for free but the cost for the new provider should be minimal and Friends can take care of it.
  - o Dog sign has not yet been posted but upcoming Gardenmail will remind gardeners no pets inside garden enclosure – Chris will call Carlos back to check on progress of sign.
  - o Amy would like to pass on responsibility for signups/renewals to another committee member for next year. We will also consider ways to improve signup process for next year and discuss at next meeting.
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
  - o Brand new pile of mulch has been delivered – Rich and other gardeners did middle aisle with a 2” layer this past weekend, seems to be working well to keep weeds down. Landscape fabric would cost \$200-600 depending on quality, but thicker layer of mulch seems to be taking care of weed issues well enough without it.
  - o Workdays were lightly attended toward the end of the summer and this level is not sustainable – Chris is notifying gardeners in next mail that anyone who has not attended a workday this season will not be renewing their bed next year.
  - o Amy suggests an additional email to people who have not attended workdays reminding them that there is one workday left in October to help with mulching paths.
  - o Amy was contacted by new person at Food Pantry who wants to reopen discussion with gardeners re: donations of excess produce – suggested that Food Pantry contact fire depts. to arrange an alternate dropoff point for donations due to limited food pantry hours. Once we get approval from Fire Dept. we will put the word out to the gardeners.
  - o Val and Celia Sternadore took care of Food Pantry bed for most of the season, and Kelly Sabini
- **2013 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
  - o We’ll discuss next season’s process at November meeting
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
  - o Garlic event taking place next weekend
  - o Last workday is Oct. 19 for final end-of-season cleanup, opting out of renewals for those who already know they’re not coming back next year
- **New Business:**

- Amy has a card for us to sign for the Newcomers (thank you for their donation)
- **Adjourn: 7:21 PM**