

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2013, 6:54 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 106)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Rich Clauser, Bonnie Kaiden, Amy Acevedo
- **Minutes for 10/7/13 meeting:** Approved.
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o Recommendation has been submitted to Town for Bonnie's official appointment to the committee. Bonnie will be meeting with Jeff Nutting this week, so she should be a full fledged member soon.
 - o No news on new member – Chris will be networking with existing gardeners to try and find someone
 - o Community garden website is still down and needs to find a new provider – Amy continuing to work on this issue
 - o No update on dog sign – anything that is permanently put on fence has to be approved/provided by Town as the fence is Town property. Will check with Chris on progress.
 - o We need to have a three-way meeting with Amy, Chris, and Rec re: ways to improve and/or change signup process for next year and get Town on board. If community garden is going to be part of Town Rec program then it should be included/publicized in spring Rec brochure, which they are beginning to work on very soon.
 - o All garden docs will continue to be accessible on Google Drive with Community Garden sign-in
 - o Amy still planning to resign from committee as a full member but will stay on as associate member. Will submit resignation once Bonnie is officially sworn in.
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Last work day was a huge success – lots of people responded due to email advising them it was their last chance.
 - o When Chris returns he will check over the garden to make sure everyone has cleaned out their beds for winter.
 - o Rich reports 90% of beds are cleared out for winter
 - o Amy has located an organically approved Roundup equivalent for our weed issues – Avenger, an orange-based oil which kills broadleaf weeds. Concentrate is \$23.95/32 oz or \$72/gallon at Johnny's. Also interested in purchasing collinear hoe/s for the shed (no bending over required) so we can get the weeds dealt with early next season.
 - o All chips delivered this season have been used – gravel area needs to stay gravel so it remains wheelchair-accessible.
 - o Food Pantry never responded re: dropoff donations at fire stations – will reopen that discussion early next season.
 - o Water has been turned off now but was on as of Nov. 1. Hoses have been cleaned and put away.
- **2013 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o Chris will handle emails to existing gardeners re: risk of losing bed for nonparticipation in work days or failure to clean out, will also contact folks on wait list to fill any empty slots

- As discussed earlier, Amy and Chris will meet with Rec to discuss signup process for 2014
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - None till next year!
- **New Business:**
 - Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug. 4, Sep. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 are proposed meeting dates for 2014 season. Kiernan will email these dates to the committee as a reminder and will arrange with Town to book rooms.
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