

**Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes**  
**March 4, 2013, 6:45 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 106)**

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Amy Acevedo, Chris Clay, Rich Clauser
- **Minutes for 2/4/2013 meeting:** Approved.
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
  - o Reminder: all committee members must do ethics test by April 5
  - o Still looking for a new committee member – Amy will coordinate with Val and Chris will put word out to gardeners
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
  - o Idea for making bed closest to gate (bed 6) food pantry garden, with sign indicating produce is for food pantry (to help deter theft). Summer rec can help weed, water, etc. and we can use it as a demo garden for educational events.
  - o Numbering for new builds – keep going numerically (47, 48, 49, 50)
  - o Amy got pricing and info on pressure treated lumber – has ordered a bucket of fasteners and they'll be here this week. Lumber is all stock items and will be easy to get. Wood will get delivered to Amy's house and she will cut them – need a truck to bring to garden though.
  - o Bulletin board is done! Events/info can now be posted there. Key for shed opens lock on bulletin board.
  - o Rain barrels both done
  - o Franklin Newcomers Club has asked to donate something to the garden - Amy will update wishlist on our website
  - o Considering growing raspberries along fence for “help yourself” – need to consider placement, possible DPW issues (Chris will check with Carlos to get the OK)
- **2013 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
  - o Waitlist currently has 25 people on it – decided not to open up waitlist to new registrants early as we already have so many waiting. Will open up waitlist once gardening season gets started.
  - o Reviewed assigned bed map with Amy – 6 nonrenewals we already knew about
  - o 4 old food pantry beds will also be available, plus 4 new builds for a total of 14 available beds
  - o Beds 16, 24, 30, and 36 have not yet responded to inquiries re: renewal
  - o First 6 on waitlist have been contacted, 5 said yes – Amy will continue making calls until all available beds are filled
  - o Amy going to Rec tomorrow and will provide list of renewals/new gardeners/waitlist
  - o Need to consider how to obtain keys from people who have not renewed – Chris volunteered to track down
  - o Priority: fill declined beds, then food pantry, then new builds
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
  - o March 9 event will be postponed – will merge with opening day on the 17<sup>th</sup> due to weather and lack of notice to gardeners. Can demonstrate how to build a raised bed.
    - Deadline Wednesday for press flash – Chris will handle
  - o Plant sale/composting talk for Earth Day (Apr. 21) – will solidify plan at 4/1 meeting

- Ideally would like to have volunteer event of some kind every month. Idea: dig flower beds on outside of short sides of fence and plant pollinators. Another idea for possible Newcomers help.
- **New Business:**
  - Town is starting a new procedure for securing Municipal Building – at end of evening meetings, we will call police dispatch and ask them to come and lock up. Kiernan will handle.
- **Adjourn: 7:30**