

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

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Chris Clay, Rich Clauser, Bonnie Kaiden (Associate member for now)
- **Minutes for 4/1/2013 meeting:** Have not yet been distributed to committee.
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o Minutes from April are with Amy – Chris will contact Amy to get recording and transcribe them for distribution to the committee.
 - o Confusion over shed keys for new gardeners – keys were in rec center but one rec employee was not aware. Sorted out now and all employees now know where they are and where to find them!
 - o Chris will add committee members to Gardenmail list if not already included
 - o Bonnie needs to be officially added as a committee member – Amy and Chris will send letters of recommendation to Jeff Nutting for approval at Town Meeting.
 - o Rich asks whether tree in garden can be cut down – Chris advised that DPW has asked us to leave it. Chris can bring up issue with Carlos again to see if that has changed now that we are expanding and could use room for additional beds.
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Plant sale scheduled for Memorial Day weekend – May 25 (rain day 26th)
 - o Amy would like to get dirt for new beds delivered within next two weeks so we can use 25-26th as a work weekend along with plant sale
 - o Compost is not quite ready for use yet as lots of diseased plant matter was added last season – needs additional time to cook
 - o Another wheelbarrow has been donated – needs wheel replaced or repaired and tape on handles. Rich will take care of this.
 - o Pitchforks have been found! Chris inadvertently took them home after last work day and will return.
 - o Planting has started in new food pantry bed (closest to gate) – Amy put some plants in. May be room for a bit more – Kiernan will check with Amy.
 - o Bulletin board is no longer locked – just secured with a clip.
 - o Water has been turned on now and hoses are out
 - o If Rich can get his tiller fixed he can till along the fence on Memorial Day weekend for planting of pollinator flowers. Kiernan will also bring tiller.
 - o Flag system for alerting gardeners will continue – Chris will notify everyone through gardenmail
 - o Interior of shed is kind of a shambles – Rich would like to put some shelves in. Kiernan will help out.
- **2013 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o No updates from Amy on this front
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - o Memorial Day plant sale/work day
 - o Possible summer event – pollinators/beekeeping? Kiernan, Rich and Amy all know beekeepers – we can check with our friends to see if someone is willing to come and give a talk.

- Need to do a kid-focused event – possibly strawberry planting in June? Kiernan has access to lots of white Alpine runners through a friend
 - Could also do a kid event in June involving garden walkthrough with disposable digital cameras? We can introduce kids to good bugs and bad bugs
- **New Business: None**
- **Adjourn: 7:27**