

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2013, 6:45 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 106)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Rich Clauser, Bonnie Kaiden, Chris Clay
- **Minutes for 8/5/13 meeting:** Approved.
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o Carlos has a crew out this week to do tree trimming so will deliver us another load of woodchips
 - o Water will be turned off at beginning of October – Rich will secure hoses/rainbarrels at that time
 - o Bonnie not sure if she is official committee member yet – never heard anything from Town. Bonnie will contact Debbie Pellegri to follow up.
 - o Kiernan submitted annual report to Town on Aug. 14 after committee OK
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Rich planted butterfly bush in circle outside garden and Michelle has added a few native plants to beautify and attract pollinators
 - o 2-3 workdays since last meeting – both very lightly attended. Chris will email those who had signed up and didn't show to find out what happened and advise that missing workdays could result in losing garden for next year.
 - o New beds are ready for planting next year and we have plenty on waitlist to fill them up – average turnover has been 8-10ish beds each year.
 - o Last few workdays of year will focus on removing weeds/spreading mulch but we are overall in good shape
 - o Upcoming gardenmail will remind gardeners that topsoil is available to top off beds when plants are removed
 - o Early blight is affecting tomato plants – affects leaves but not fruit
 - o Next workday is Saturday, Sept. 21
 - o Idea for making a new bulletin board as a blackboard – could list to-dos, what's ready for harvest. Rich will keep an eye out for a spare window to repurpose.
- **2013 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o Need to talk with Amy about whether garden list management should be transferred to another committee member for next year
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - o Workday Sept. 21
 - o Last weekend we picked all the July-planted green beans for the food pantry
 - o Garlic planting event still scheduled for Columbus Day weekend might be good (rain date following weekend) – Chris will include in gardenmail and we will publicize on Facebook etc. as well
- **New Business: None**
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