

**Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes**  
**February 10, 2014, 6:48 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 205)**

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Rich Clouser, Amy Acevedo, Bonnie Kaiden, Chris Clay
- **Minutes for 11/4/13 meeting:** Approved.
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
  - o Bonnie is sworn in and officially a member!
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
  - o It's frozen.
  - o Water turn-on will depend on weather, most likely late April-early May – Chris will coordinate with Carlos. Will also check re: woodchips for this season and whether DPW has a generator they can lend us for a work day.
  - o Rich will put rain barrels back up when safe from freezing
  - o Rich will check wheelbarrow tires as well
  - o Still want to plant along outside of fence – need rototiller for this. Some committee members have them or we could rent.
- **2014 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
  - o Rec has been referring people to us to be added to waitlist – Chris is adding folks to waitlist based on email date
  - o Chris taking over signups with help from Rich, Bonnie, and Kiernan – we need to talk to Rec and figure out way to streamline process
  - o Last year we emailed existing gardeners to find out if they were interested in renewing; after responses came in we pulled people off waitlist. Those folks then needed to go to Rec to sign up.
  - o Waitlist now has 20-some people on it – Chris planning to email existing gardeners for interest in renewing after this meeting. We will give people until Feb. 28 to respond. (Will start calling non-responders after Feb. 22.)
  - o Chris will also contact people on waitlist and let them know what to expect – some may no longer be interested
  - o Should be able to send a list to Rec in March of renewers/waitlist folks; at March meeting we can determine drop dead date for those people to make payment (should ideally be by opening event). If payment missed we will move on down waitlist.
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
  - o Annual pea planting day – could be 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Last year ground was too frozen on Mar. 17, so 22<sup>nd</sup> might be better bet. Will nominate 4/5 as “rain” or “freeze” date.
  - o Earth Day/Town clean-up event – find out from Rec when that will be held and plan something to coincide (woodchip spreading, etc.). Town can refer volunteers to us for assistance.
  - o Let's pencil in date in May for plant sale – Amy will start seeding onions for that. If we do early May we could sell early plants (lettuces, etc.) and encourage people not to put tomatoes in until later!
  - o Rec still wants to do a kid-focused event – Chris' wife Michelle may be able to help out with this.
- **New Business:**

- Website is still down and we have not been able to renew domain name. Our domain name was auctioned and purchased by a Japanese firm – we'd have to sue to get it back (if it was purchased in bad faith which is not clear). Amy has been trying to contact the firm but email bounced. Long story short, our domain name now redirects to a Japanese porn site. We can rebuy it but not until 11/15/2014.
- Franklincommunitygardens.com is now available – we will buy that, and when the .org site is reavailable in Nov. 2014, we can buy that back and have it redirect to the .com site. Amy will contact Town and have them change .org to .com on the Town website, and we will also change our email sig to reflect the new site.
- Unfortunately all of our content from the old website may be gone but there are some archive sites (Google Archive or Wayback Machine) we can check to see if we can recover it. Blogger also may have it.

- **Adjourn: 7:25 PM**