

**Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes**  
**May 5, 2014, 6:47 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 106)**

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Rich Clouser, Amy Acevedo, Bonnie Kaiden
- **Minutes for 4/7/14 meeting:** Approved.
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
  - o Amy invited Kelly Sabini to come to our next meeting and possibly join the committee – may be interested in handling social media for garden committee.
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
  - o Continuing to have problems with dogs coming into garden, including dog feces located at a gardener's bed (this gardener has spoken to a dog walker on several occasions in the past and discussions have been heated, so gardener feels she is being targeted). No news on "no dogs" sign from Town – Amy will call Carlos and let him know we are having a serious issue and the sign is needed ASAP.
  - o Earth Day workday was rained out and has not been rescheduled. Need to come up with best way of notifying gardeners of last-minute event changes when Chris is not available.
  - o We still have a Food Pantry bed and Val Sternadore/Pat Hartnett are taking care of it primarily – other gardeners will also help.
  - o 5 new beds are a possibility as we have room and some money is available in budget (although we haven't heard back about grant yet). All committee members present agree we can go forward as soon as we can coordinate building/material delivery.
- **2014 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
  - o Chris texted before meeting – Rec is out of shed keys and registration is nearly complete.
  - o Major snafu with Town – people were walking into Rec and signing up/paying money for garden plots, without being informed about the process or the waitlist. Chris is handling things with Town and with the unsuspecting gardeners.
  - o Waiting list was reopened and there are a few people on it.
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
  - o Still on for plant sale Memorial Day weekend – Amy will need someone to work 5/24, may be able to be there 5/25. Kiernan, Bonnie, Rich and Chris all should be available. Both days 10 AM-noon. Amy is growing some plants and Grateful Farm is donating others. Rich will check with Tangerini's in Millis to see if they are willing to donate too.
  - o Possible event for June – pollinators? We could have Seth Rousseau from Akin Bak Farm come to talk about bees/beekeeping, then have attendees help plant pollinator garden. Sunday afternoon may be the best time to avoid conflicts with church. We can tentatively schedule for 1 PM, 6/22 and check with Seth on scheduling. If we want to build mason bee houses at this event Amy can locate tree slices to use for free; also has access to sunflower seeds to plant to attract pollinators.
- **New Business:**
  - o Amy needs to call to check on first grant progress; we may not be eligible for second grant mentioned last meeting.

- Election of officers coming up in June – Amy will be stepping down as chair but intends to stay on board. We will discuss at 6/2 meeting whether Chris is interested in stepping up as chair.

- **Adjourn: 7:32 PM**