

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2014, 8:07 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 106)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Chris Clay, Bonnie Kaiden, Amy Acevedo, Rich Clauser
- **Minutes for 8/4/14 meeting:** Approved.
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o All members sworn in
 - o DPW has prepared and posted sign at garden with contact info, will deliver woodchips this month
 - o No news yet on gate repair; Bonnie will follow up again with DPW tomorrow
 - o Meetings return to 6:45 PM starting next month
 - o Kiernan will not be attending Oct. meeting, Bonnie will take minutes
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Large wasp nest in tree has been removed – DPW used organic insect spray for us!
 - o Garden is reaching end of season – almost time for bed cleanup. Chris will send reminder email to gardeners.
 - o Majority of gardeners have not yet fulfilled their workday commitment; we will recommunicate expectations before last workday of season
- **2014 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o Chris has had an inquiry and will begin building up next year's waitlist
 - o Right now we handle building list and giving list to Rec – Rec handles actual registration and payment. May make sense now to have Rec handle the whole registration process.
 - Motion to inquire with Rec to see if they're interested in doing this: all in favor.
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - o Planning garlic event for October – date Sat., Oct. 4 at 10:00 AM. Idea to publicize garlic event for more than just gardeners and invite general public – Chris is fine running it, Amy will buy garlic for sale to public. Bonnie will notify Milford Daily News and Country Gazette. Kiernan will notify Franklin local newspaper and Franklin Matters. We will also include something in our garlic event promotional blurb with contact info for people interested in joining us next year
 - o Chris contacted by Ken Norman from Franklin local access station – they want to come by garden this Saturday to do a brief show.
 - o One big final workday to be scheduled once DPW delivers chips – we will schedule for Oct. 18, 9-12.
 - o Discussion of whether we should delegate a communications coordinator to ensure that gardeners are notified/communicated with regularly and events are publicized; Rich volunteers to handle workday-related communication.
- **New Business:**
 - o Chris was contacted by Eaton Place (senior housing near high school) – they have two raised garden beds and would like a third. Amy will coordinate with Friends to arrange for the money, can also approach Rotary and ask for assistance if needed.
 - o Ideas for garden beds in other locations around town: behind church downtown, behind Shaw's plaza, apartment complexes, etc. Would need to be sponsored by landowners or others.

- Amy interested in doing a 2015 4th of July parade float – this would be a nonprofit thing. We will ask the Friends to do some brainstorming and discuss in more detail.
- **Adjourn: 8:45 PM**