

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2015, 8:08 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 106)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Chris Clay, Amy Acevedo, Rich Clauser
- **Minutes for 11/3/14 meeting:**
 - o Approved
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o All members have completed required ethics training
 - o Undetermined whether Rec or us will be handling signups for 2015; Chris will speak to Rec this month to decide
 - o Amy will instruct Rec to send placeholder email to anyone who contacts Rec re: signups
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Rich will be handling all workday organization for 2015; schedule TBD
 - o Garden currently inaccessible – driveway has not been plowed
 - o We have lumber for 2 new beds at King St and one new bed at Eaton Place but lumber is currently inaccessible under snow
- **2015 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o Chris has been getting emails inquiring re: renewals; will work with Rec to respond
 - o Chris will send email to existing gardeners to determine who wants to stay and who will be leaving in order to determine number of empty beds up for grabs
 - o Will also write waitlist blurb to send to public outlets to inform town of procedure for signup
 - o Possibility of using Signup Genius to manage new gardener sign-up, volunteers for workdays – Amy will investigate further
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - o March 17 pea planting event will definitely not be happening, may even have difficulties with early April depending on speed of soil thaw.
 - o Tentatively scheduled pea planting event for Saturday, April 18, 10 AM, weather permitting. Amy can have lettuce seedlings/spring greens available for sale. Chris will ask Rec re: having sign up table at event (will also need to check with Rec re: timing of their annual Earth Day event).
 - o Still planning major plant sale/official season kickoff for May 23-24
 - o Need to ask Franklin Downtown Partnership if Strawberry Stroll will be affected by downtown construction
 - o Ed Szymanski (pres of Norfolk County Beekeepers) willing to speak to gardeners for Pollinator Week (June 15, 2015) – more info on Pollinator Week at pollinator.org
 - o Still interested in July tomato school and possible July 4 parade float
- **New Business:**
 - o All committee members vote in favor of having no further snow this winter!
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