

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2015, 8:05 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 106)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Bonnie Kaiden, Amy Acevedo, Rich Clauser
- **Minutes for 3/2/15 meeting:**
 - o Approved
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o Rec is taking registrations for the season, working with Chris on spreadsheet of current gardeners
 - o Intent is for Rec to control registration and waitlist by next season, we will provide a list of gardeners who have complied with rules and are welcome back if they wish to renew
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Driveway is now accessible – snow has been plowed/melted!
 - o Beds appear to be fully thawed
 - o Rich needs roster of gardeners for workday organization – will contact Chris for that info (returning gardeners). Rich will reach out and build new workday system as sign up sheet did not work well.
 - o Enough lumber ready to go for new beds (2 for King St., one for Eaton Place), now accessible. Building could be a workday project.
 - o Will refer to garden map for placement of new beds
 - o Soil for new beds has been paid for, will be delivered when we request. Amy will check whether we have enough fasteners.
 - o Food pantry will have a bed, which one TBD. Amy will check with volunteer coordinator to work out care for bed.
 - o Signup Genius still a possibility for managing volunteers for workdays – recipients receive email and can choose when to sign up. Service is free, no registration required.
- **2015 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o All of last year's gardeners have been notified to let us know if they will be returning
 - o Waitlist blurb for publication has been written. Kiernan will send to Franklin Matters and post on her own blog. Bonnie will contact Local Town Pages and Country Gazette. Amy will update Facebook and blog.
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - o Pea planting event will take place April 18 since beds have now thawed. No plant sale is likely – everyone is behind because of the season.
 - o Need to check with Chris re: discussions with Rec about Earth Day, signup table at April event.
 - o Memorial Day weekend plant sale will be held again, will be publicized. Shed is property of the Friends so we can put a sign on it to advertise this and other events. Similar look to Akin Bak's sign.
 - o FDP Strawberry Stroll – Thursday, June 11. Friends considering selling strawberry plants to raise funds for Community Garden – Kiernan will contact FDP about how to get a table.

- Rich went to flower show in Boston and saw a beehive demonstration – might be worth looking into for Pollinator Week event. Amy has seeds we can give out for Pollinator Week.
- Kiernan will talk to Ed Szymanski re: date for pollinator talk – tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 20. Amy will look into spaces for talk.
- **New Business:**
 - None
- **Adjourn: 8:45 PM**