

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2015, 8:10 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 106)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Bonnie Kaiden, Chris Clay, Rich Clauser, Amy Acevedo, Debbie Pellegrini
- **Minutes for 6/1/15 meeting:**
 - o Approved
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o Committee did not meet in July as a quorum of members were not sworn in.
 - o Debbie Pellegrini attended tonight's meeting to swear in Amy Acevedo, Kiernan Reed and Bonnie Kaiden. All members now sworn in.
 - o Annual report has been prepared by Amy Acevedo and submitted to Town.
 - o Chris Clay is moving out of state and tonight is his last meeting. He will be submitting formal resignation to the Committee shortly.
 - o Rec Department now located next to Franklin Glass on Beaver St. while downtown construction is ongoing.
 - o Committee discussed issue of proposed bylaw change – Amy moves that we come up with appropriate wording for new bylaw and submit to Committee for vote at September meeting. Kiernan seconds.
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o 5 empty beds currently – one of these is new build.
 - o Generally garden is looking good despite drought. Few minor issues here and there, otherwise in good shape.
 - o We have had a series of rained-out workdays, so we are very behind on weeding. Amy has done some clean-out work but more needs to be done.
 - o Chris will send out garden update for this month before he leaves, and advise of next dates for workdays. Most gardeners have not yet put in their two-hour time commitment for the season (mainly due to weather).
 - o Soil for new beds was delivered and was good quality – very few weeds in it.
 - o Currently 2 food pantry beds and 2 St. Vincent beds.
- **2015 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o No one has signed up for an additional bed – some had expressed interest originally but no one actually signed up when Chris notified gardeners of opportunity.
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - o Pollinator event has now been rained out twice. Next scheduled workdays are August 8 and August 23.
 - o September workdays – September 12 and September 27.
- **New Business:**
 - o Amy researched Sluggo Plus and found it's effective for cutworms but not much for bean beetle. Very important to broadcast on every bed in late spring to get greatest protection against cutworms.
 - o Not a permanent thing that stays in the soil – would need to be reapplied every year.
 - o Committee will decide early next season whether or not to use it.
 - o We will advise/educate gardeners via email about the product if we decide to use it, to give them opportunity to object or opt out.

- Amy suggests asking Ed Szymanski if he has any interest in joining the Committee; Kiernan suggests Seth or Bette Rousseau from Akin Bak Farm. All would be great additions to Committee and able to help mentor new gardeners. Amy will discuss with Ed, Kiernan will approach Seth and Bette.

- **Adjourn: 8:34 PM**