Uxbridge Community Gardens

July 30, 2012
Lower Town Hall
21 S. Main St, Uxbridge

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:00pm
Quorum: 5/5 in attendance.
Minutes of June 4: Kris Holt reporting. Minutes read & accepted as written.
Treasurer's Report: Sandy Lemire reporting. Balance $4,038.20. Treasurer's report accepted.
Recognition of Sponsors: A list of sponsors has been placed on the bulletin board at the gardens. Please let board members know of anyone else who should be added.

Old Business
Concerns of Members, forum: Squash bugs continue to be an issue. We may need to consider not planting anything in the squash family next year. It is recommended to aerate the soil and add organic compost.
Message Board / Sign: The signs and message board have been installed. A chain was added to hold the plexiglass in place. Information has been posted. Charlene Miller will paint the logo on the board.
Hat sales & Inventory: sales ongoing
Water Solution: The tops of the trough have been painted. The fire chief will fill the tank and rain barrels this week. Barbara is researching solar-powered pumps and well options. Ongoing fundraising is necessary. Permits will be required prior to install.
Food Pantry Garden: 2-3 additional plots will be added for next year. A large bin was installed for donated vegetables. Food pantry volunteers will pickup produce several times a week.
School Dept. Garden: Shawn MacNeil and Jackie Hoyt have been installing a perennial herb garden. Plants donated by Barbara and Foppema's.
Website: The town website has been updated. UCG has a page under "committees". Kris to ask Kelly Bickford to post the meeting minutes.
Market Day Plans: Melissa Fischer & Janice Watt presented options that were discussed at the July 24th fundraiser meeting. Barbara will post minutes to the Yahoo group. Suggestions include continuing to have an UCG booth with raffle, etc. at other town events. Also possible sale of UCG calendars and canvas totes with logo. Focus on

one major fundraising event a year. Major funds will have to come via grants. This year we will host a "Chopped" event at UHS. A planning meeting for this event will be held August 13th at 7:00pm lower town hall. The tentative event date is September 21st. Volunteers needed.

New Business:
501(C)3: Barbara is researching. We may merge with another entity to be able to apply for grants.
General Maintenance: The DPW is supposed to mow sometime this week or next. Barbara will contact Doug Nydam for assistance if needed. There are still big ruts in row four. The entrance at the stone wall has been mowed, UCG to plant perennials there. Other plots need to be tilled and cover cropped. A "to do" list will be created by UCG to hang on the bulletin board. Gardeners are asked to assist with tasks as they can. Kevin is inquiring about rototillers, as well as Barbara asking Anne Murray. A work day has been scheduled for Monday September 3, 2012 (Labor Day). 9:00am-12:00pm. Following the work day, Jackie Wheelock will host a social at her house. Bring a potluck dish to share, drinks, and bathing suits.
Review of ground rules: A subcommittee to review the bylaws has been formed; Barbara Hall, Jackie Wheelock, and Mary Helfrich.
Q&A Session: Mary Helfrich would like to organize an informational session at the Uxbridge Library. Barbara could assist with a seminar on gardening books. Kim suggested asking for an RSVP. A tentative date was scheduled for Monday August 20th. It was also suggested to continue to share information via Yahoo & the Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm.
Next UCG Meeting TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Holt
UCG Secretary

Barbara Hall	Chairperson	_Barbara d. Hall_
Kim DeMers	Vice Chair	_K DeMers_
Sandy Lemire	Treasurer	
Kris Holt	Secretary	_Kris Holt_
Jackie Wheelock	Member at Large	_Julie Wheelock_