

## Waterboro Community Garden Minutes

June 8, 2022; 1 p.m.

**Facilitator:** Donna Berardi

**Attending:** Donna Berardi, Sue Briggs, Judi Carll, Sandy Jorgensen, Lisa Moulton, Kat McMann, Oksana Sigleski, Sherry Stone, Natalie Walsh

### Agenda Items:

- A. Minutes: the minutes from the May 11, 2022, meeting were unanimously approved by the Committee.
- B. Financial Report submitted.
- C. Infrastructure Matters:
  - 1. Electricity: the electricity is now hooked up to the shed. The electrician donated an outside light. We will need to post a sign to remind people to turn off the lights when they are done. The Town donated their labor to dig the trench and spread new loam, seed, and hay. WCG will be paying for the loam, seed and hay, for a total of \$224.99.
  - 2. Shed Painting: Sandy will take the lead on this project. She will send out an email to see who is available and when. Possibly schedule the work on a Friday and Saturday, and could use 4-5 people each day. We have the paint, which Oksana is currently storing at her house. We will need to purchase paint supplies, such as brushes, pans, etc.
  - 3. Food Pantry Refrigerator: it has been delivered and is in the shed. Everyone signed a thank-you card to Home Depot and Sue will mail the card today. We will hold off turning on the refrigerator until it is needed, i.e., when we start harvesting. During the winter months, it will be turned off and a box of baking soda will keep it fresh.
  - 4. Mulch Area: Since new loam and seed has been spread on the area in front of the gate, we will focus on watering for now and can decide later if we want to mulch. For watering help, the area can be divided into two sections, and the beds on either side will be responsible for watering the area on their side. The Code Enforcement Officer donated pavers to WCG. He will lay some down in front of the gate and will leave the rest for us to decide how to use them. It was suggested to lay some in front of the shed so that we are not walking on the grass.
  - 5. Sign Restoration: Brian and Barbara assessed the broken post, along with Sam (Oksana's husband). We will need to purchase approximately \$87.45 in materials to fix the broken sign post. Materials include 2x4 boards, 4x4 post, form tube, Quick Crete mix, and nails. The committee voted unanimously to approve spending up to \$100 on materials. The flower bed will have to be removed.
- D. Food Pantry Garden

1. New Beds: the new beds are built and filled with compost, and Judi did the planting. The pantry garden is ready for the growing season.
  2. Watering: the long hose can reach the new bed in the far corner. You need to make a straight line through the pantry garden. Please note that you may need to do some hand watering.
  3. Volunteers: We have plenty of volunteers for watering, weeding, maintenance and harvesting.
- E. Volunteer Hours:
1. Lisa reported a total of 31 volunteer hours for the month of May.
- F. Other:
1. Julie proposed that spreading wood chips in the garden, for both our own beds and others' beds, be included in volunteer hours. Judi motioned, and Lisa second, to include "spreading wood chips" as volunteer hours. The committee unanimously approved this.
  2. Julie also proposed making WCG T-shirts. The committee discussed this topic and suggested that if people want to make their own design, using an iron-on transfer, would be the best way to go for now. The WCG has a logo that anyone is welcome to use for their own design.
- G. Our next meeting will be July 13, 2022, at 1 p.m. We will meet in the garden, weather permitting; otherwise, we will meet in the Old Town Hall meeting room.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:47 PM

Submitted by: Sherry Stone