

## **Waterboro Community Garden Committee and Member Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2022 2 pm**  
in the garden

### **In attendance:**

**Brigit McCallum**  
**Donna Berardi**  
**Lisa Moulton**  
**Oksana Sigleski**  
**Sandy Jorgensen**  
**Judi Carll**  
**Sue Briggs**

### **Welcome**

Brigit noted at the beginning of the meeting that the discussion regarding the Handbook would be better served by a subcommittee and left out of today's meeting. She has emailed back and forth with Donna. See E.1. below.

### **A. Approval of September 14, 2022 Minutes**

Donna noted her name spelling correction and Oksana noted that the amount of veggies from member gardens as 159.5 lbs not 259.5.

Approved with changes 6/0

### **B. Financial Report – Sherry provided to Brigit**

### **C. Infrastructure –**

1. Shed cleanup -- Oksana reports the shed cleanup is complete. Everything has been organized and items to be disposed of have been taken or have gone to the dump.

Sale of two items – Brigit sold the composter and white fencing on FB Marketplace for \$25 and \$5 respectively. Money was spent on grass seed and fertilizer for the walkway. The gutters have no takers and may go to the dump.

2. Flagstone pathway installation and watering – Sue thanked everyone that participated in the project for all their hard work. The seed is down and we are hopeful that we will get a bit of grass before winter. If not we will reseed in the spring.

3. Overall garden fall/cleanup status

Oksana had a good turnout of volunteers to clean out the pantry garden and pick squash. Everything at the pantry garden is done.

The perennial/annual beds at the shed and entrance will need to be cut back and annuals removed eventually, but for now everything seems to be blooming.

Daylilies need to be cut back for the winter, the annual beds next to the shed need to be cleaned out including pulling out roots and weeds.

Judi asked that the butterfly bushes at the shed are to remain and not be cut back.

The plants in the perennial beds in front of the fence also need to be cut back for the winter.

Sandy told the wonderful story of the man that needed flowers for his wedding. He had no money for them and asked if he could pick some. ..."flowers go further than we know".

Oksana said Sherry will be putting up more wall holders for files in the shed for applications, forms etc.

Compost pile: Oksana will let the town know when it can be removed.

Refrigerator: Clean-out will be the first week of November and unplug.

Oksana will send out an email asking for volunteers.

4. Water: Discussion of when to shut off hoses. Sue would like one hose left on at least another week so that the new seed at the walkway and shed can be watered. Other hoses can be removed and our away. The hose nearest the gate to be left for now

#### **D. Food pantry garden "Grand Finale" update**

Oksana shared that this was a very successful year overall. There were some vegetables that produced better than others. The zucchini was iffy due to beetles, butternut squash did very well as did green beans, but the cucumbers struggled and the tomatoes split due mostly to the drought. More green beans to be planted next year. Great job by all the members that helped.

Final total for donation to the food pantry was 774.5 lbs, 244 lbs coming from member gardens.

Squash was 230.75 lbs! Judi Carll won the weight contest and donated her prize, (1)squash, to the food pantry. Thank you Judi!

Final weights by type( in pounds)

Cherry tomatoes 52.5

Tomatoes 69  
Broccoli 15  
Kale 5  
Yellow squash 50.5  
Peppers 11  
Cucumbers 48.5  
Zucchini 25  
Green Beans 36.5  
Onions 44  
Carrots 10  
Delicate squash 4

### **E. Organizational matters**

1. Discussion, editing and acceptance of draft WCG Handbook –  
A subcommittee will be formed to respond back with updates for the November meeting. Sandy Jorgensen will chair the subcommittee to review the handbook. Concerns about conflicting info.

2. Discussion, editing and acceptance of Orientation checklist for new members, Brigit has updated. Discussed adding a volunteer opportunities checklist.

3. Discussion, editing and accept of Bed Release Form for non-renewals. Brigit has updated.

Vote to accept the Orientation and Bed Release forms motioned and approved 6/0.

4. Current status of renewals and non-renewals

Jackie Timmons will be taking one of Sandy Jorgensen's bed Little Ossipee Lake. Grange Hall bed and Johnson Mill bed are still available. Grange Hall may be taken by Pam Mayo if she submits her payment.

5. Sandy mentioned a way to aid in sending out attachments so that every one can open it no mater what type of device they are using. She will find out and report back.

6. Discussions regarding a different way to hold shed door open-  
Sandy Jorgensen has, will be replacing chain with some type of hook to avoid pinched fingers.

### **F. Final Volunteer hours update**

Lisa Moulton reported that there were 6 new volunteer hours from the last meeting in mid September to today, mid October.

The flagstone walkway project hours have not been reported yet and are not in the total. All volunteers should report them to Lisa.

Total volunteer hours this year to date 96.

## **G. Future possibilities**

1. Winter gardening was discussed and will need further review. Sue Briggs mentioned that several gardeners have thought about winter gardening. Perhaps approaching the school about the greenhouse. That would be separate from the community garden though and a different group if pursued. Judi reminded us that there would be no water if the community garden beds were to be planted for winter and water would need to be carried in. Brigit mentioned over planting with crops such as winter rye. All interesting things to review further.

**H. November 9, 2022 at 1 pm will be the last meeting for this year.**

**Motion to adjourn**

**Vote 6/0**

**Meeting ended at 3:20 pm**