

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

**Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 1 pm**

Town Hall – old end meeting room

### **In attendance**

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

### **Introductions/Welcome**

Brigit advised that Sherry is looking for projects for her free time. See further discussion under F. Organizational matters.

### **A. Approval of October 12, 2022 Minutes Approved 5/0**

Minor corrections will be made for record.

(Revisions to 10/12/22 meeting minutes)

6. Discussion regarding a different way to hold shed door open- Sandy Jorgensen has, will be replacing. (comma added)

### **B. Financial Report – sent by Sherry**

Financial Report presented by Sherry.

The \$10 deposit that Meghan Dube donated to the Food Pantry has been deducted from the Revenue Account.

Motion to approve, seconded. Vote 5/0 to approve.

### **C. Infrastructure – Oksana**

1. End of season cleanup update –

Everything has pretty much been cleaned up.

Compost plant pile to be taken to dump.

Perennials have been cut back in shed planters as well as the rain garden.

Ninebark will be cut back in the spring.

Butterfly bush was trimmed

2. Winterization of shed

Refrigerator is cleaned and turned off. Doors to be left open and baking soda placed. Water bottles to be donated to the Food Pantry, Oksana.

The refrigerator doors will be switched in the spring to provide easier access.

Oksana states that a little bit of mowing was done.

Left over paint will be stored at Oksana's house to prevent freezing.

Carts and chairs will be moved to the shed.

Window will not close. Note: post meeting Brigit with Pete's help sprayed with WD40 and closed the window.

### 3. Other

Regarding Lynn's bed, Brigit to contact to see if she needs help to clean out.

Compost pile to be sent to dump.

4. Sue suggested a large tarp be purchased to replace the half tarp, half landscape fabric that now covers the compost Liam pile as it is blowing off. Oksana to get a new tarp.

### **D. Food pantry garden** – Oksana

Food pantry garden is all done for this year.

### **E. Organizational matters**

1. WCG Handbook editing status –Sandy was not in attendance and item tabled. However Brigit will ask Sherry if she would like to help Sandy, as she has some free time. Brigit will send a tracked version and clean version to Sandy and Sherry if she agrees to help, as it was discussed that this may make it easier to update and organize.

#### 2. Bed rental status - Brigit

Barb Couture has suggested previously that her friend Pam Mayo was interested in taking a bed. Pam hasn't responded to several inquiries. Grange Hall Bed is available.

Note: after the meeting, Brigit emailed that Barb Coutures neighbor Julie Komer would like the bed. She has applied and paid. Grange Hall bed is filled.

Johnson Mills bed is still available but is shady.

3. Following the meeting Brigit asked that we brainstorm accomplishments for the year.

4. New member Lindsey Avers will be joining the committee. Lindsey was informed that we use our personal addresses for mailings but optional. For now we will use her waterboro.me.gov email address. Lindsey sent an email introducing herself. She has a background in Horticulture and Agriculture and loves growing food and plants. Although Lindsey was not here today we welcome her input and hope she can arrange her work schedule so that she can attend meetings next year.

5. H2O list, Brigit to send Donna address and phone number updates. Donna will send updated member directory to all for publication.

**F. Announcement** – Lisa Moulton is moving out of Waterboro and gave her resignation from the Committee. It was proposed that Lisa could remain as an Honorary Member with all voting rights except financial issues. Lisa has done a great job with volunteer hours and recording. Everyone agreed that we would like her to stay. Lisa was happy to accept. Motion and second. Vote 5/0 to approve.

Lisa also noted that she has some large pots and asked if they could stay at the back of the shed. She also has some plant trays that others might like. Agreed that she will leave at the rear of the shed.

**G. Final Volunteer hours update – Lisa**

Lisa reports that there was a total of 139.15 hours this year.

Volunteer hours since the 10/12/22 meeting, 39.15 hours, most of which are the walkway.

**H. Future possibilities**

1. Winter gardening- not at this time

2. Holiday get-together- not at this time.

2. Judi noted that the Annual Festival of trees is coming up soon. This is a wonderful fundraiser for the Historical Society and has 30 trees this year.

**I. Other**

**Accomplishments**

These are the projects WCG members and others completed this year. They are for use by the WCG committee to promote the garden.

1..139.15 volunteer hours. Great job!

2. Walkway completed. Grass is growing. Sue to send thank you card to Mike Gilpatrick, Waterboro CEO, for donating the flagstones.

3.Home Depot donated the pantry garden refrigerator. This has been very helpful for storing vegetables for the Food Pantry. Brigit has sent a thank you letter.

4. Electricity for the shed, Bob...

6. The shed was painted.

7. The Waterboro Community Garden sign was repaired, rebuilt, and painted. Oksana to send a thank you card to Ernesto for all his help this year.

8. Pantry Garden produced 774.5 lbs total with 244 lbs from garden members. Butternut squash alone produced 230 lbs.

9. If anyone can think of other accomplishments please send to Brigit.

### **J. Next years projects**

1. Fruit trees between shed and East fence?

2. Shrubs along south ( parking lot) fence? We need to review which species would be evergreen but not attract deer.