

Waterboro Community Garden Committee and Member Meeting

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 3 pm –
Select Board meeting room**

Attendees

Donna Berardi
Lisa Moulton
Oksana Sigleski
Sherry Stone
Judi Carll
Sue Briggs
Brigit McCallum
Stephanie Simpson

Introductions/Welcome

A. Approval of March 8, 2023 Minutes

Sherry made the motion to approve, Oksana seconded Approved by vote 7/0

B. Meeting space location discussed

First option:

Select Board meeting room is available we will meet there.

If that room is not available,

Second option:

The small conference rm across the hall. And if that is being used,

Third option:

We will consult with Todd to use the Rec dept. room.

C. Financial Report – Sherry.

Sherry provided current accounts available. .

D. Organizational Matters

1. Discussed Purchasing Procedures draft provided by Sherry

2. Clarify and make policy decisions on voting rights between appointed and honorary

committee members: non-financial matters and financial matters – Brigit

Upon advise from Select Board liaison Dave Chauvette, “Town-appointed committee members are to be the only ones to vote on financial matters and all committee members may vote on non- financial matters”. Oksana moved, Donna seconded this policy.

Vote to approve 7/0

3. Discuss Draft WCG Handbook -Sandy and Sherry

Items that were discussed and need revision:

Composting- Healthy plant matter only shall go in the compost pile. Diseased plants shall be removed by gardener from the garden. Take home. Trash bags are available in the shed.

Revisions discussed today shall be updated and a new draft provided.

E. Infrastructure

1. Discuss implications of two persons on waiting list and members who have two beds – possible policy editing of handbook – Brigit

There are two persons on the waiting list. All beds rented.

Discussed in the future only one bed per person. Current members with two beds, Donna and Ernesto, will be grandfathered

New non-resident renters are one year only and cannot renew unless beds available. Sue Briggs, Lisa Moulton, and Ernie Cadorette are grandfathered.

Persons on the waitlist will stay on as long as they wish to remain and do not need to reapply the following year. They will be kept on the waitlist in the order they applied.

2. Garden beds for people with limited mobility – Donna

Donna made a quick presentation and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Stephanie also has some info to be shared at the May meeting as well.

Ideas included a U-shaped bed, increasing the height of existing beds and a free standing V-shaped raised bed on legs.

3. Updated list of “Yearly WCG Tasks” – Oksana

Time ran out.

Oksana will present for discussion at the May meeting.

F. New and potential projects

1. Planting of berries or fruit trees in open area outside the pantry garden –Sue

Brigit ordered (4) blueberry bushes which will arrive when planting is good for our zone.

Following the meeting, the berry garden area was staked out. It will be 10 x 20 to the right of the shed.

Sue to contact Jason to see what he can help with to remove the rocky soil.

2. Planting of an evergreen hedge of bushes along the fence along the parking lot entrance side. – Judi

Judi indicated that due to the large piles of snow against the fence, it doesn't make sense to plant bushes there.

Decided not to pursue planting bushes this year.

3. Pavers

The landscape fabric was secured with additional staples and those that rose due to frost were put back in. Because of that effort it was decided that the pavers will not be needed.

Meeting adjourned- Sue moved, Brigit seconded. Vote to adjourn 7/0 at 4:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Sue Briggs
Acting Secretary

Next meeting May 10, 2023 hopefully in the garden!