

Waterboro Community Garden Committee and Member Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 3 pm – In the Garden

Attendees

Brigit McCallum
Donna Berardi
Oksana Sigleski
Lisa Moulton
Judi Carl
Kat McMann
Sue Briggs

Introductions/Welcome

A. Member Questions and Comments - None

B. Approval of September 13, 2023 Minutes

Oksana moved to approve, Judi second Vote 6/0 to approve.

C. Financial Report – Sherry

Sherry could not attend the meeting but provided the following information:

The Board of Selectmen Packet for the October 2, 2023, meeting did not contain any financial information.

Bed rental deposit refunds will be sent to non-renewing members who have fulfilled their obligation of the bed rental agreement. Once we receive confirmation on where to mail their rental deposit, a check request will be submitted to the Town for processing.

Donna requested that monthly expenditures be added to future financial reports. Sherry to respond.

D. Organizational Matters

1. Donna covered for Brigit while she was away and has also updated the Bed Chart and Member list.
2. Kevin, Ernie and Jane, and Rebecca will not be renewing.
3. Jess also will not renew and has requested that her \$10 deposit be returned. Check to be sent.
4. Marina Gagne will be taking a bed for 2024.
5. Nanette's bed renewal will be kept on hold until we have a waiting list.
6. Brigit will ask Sherry to send back deposits to all.
7. A question was raised about advertising bed availability now so that future gardeners can plant garlic if they choose. Brigit to advertise beds.
8. Discussion regarding trees, shade, existing bed issue. No decision.

2. Volunteer hours cutoff time – which year do they go on after Sept. 30.

It will be up to the volunteer to decide and should report to Lisa which year they would like it applied to.

E. Infrastructure

1. Volunteer hours report – Lisa reports there were 39 hours reported by 8 gardeners. 193 volunteer hours to date for the 2023.

2. Bed repair/replacement –

Sue reports that bed repair work has been scheduled for October 21 with October 22 if more time needed or as a rain date. An email went out and volunteers have responded. Wood has been delivered. There are (4) 10' 2x4's under the tarp that can be used for the corner repairs. Sue to meet with Sam (Oksana's husband) on Friday 10/20 @1 to go over repairs. Oksana to get more screws if needed. Will check what's on hand in the shed. A reminder email to be sent to those volunteering and ask to bring tools, drills, batteries for same.

3. Status of compost purchase from Tibbett's –

Oksana reports the compost has been delivered and is behind the pantry beds.

Gardeners take note:

*****It is for fertilizing individual plants or rows of new seeds and not filling beds! *****

Gardeners should use the loam/compost pile near the back of the beds to fill beds.

Brigit to contact Leighton's and get a 6 yard delivery for filling beds.

Vote to purchase screws and tarps, Donna moved, Oksana second. Committee Vote 4/0 to approve.

4. Status of washing station discussion -

Donna clarified what was needed and had in the past. It was decided not to do a wash station.

F. Projects

1. Pantry Garden –

Oksana reports 370 lbs. this year. This is down from last year due to the weather we had.

The fence has been painted and the sign has been re-lettered, Judi to complete.

The pantry beds have been cleaned out for the winter.

One of the fence posts has rotted and will need replacing next year. It has been temporarily supported.

Squash to be picked and weighed Friday 10/13.

Update: 117 lbs this year.

Pantry bed edging at back and replacement of landscape fabric at pathways to be done next spring.

2. Berry Garden – Sue reports that the berry garden is doing well. More chips will be added before winter. The blueberry bushes have new growth. We will have to wait and see on the beach plums. Large screw-in tie downs at the corners have been installed for wind support.

3. Cover crops this winter – Brigit and Sue report we have lots of seeds for anyone who would like to try doing it. Austrian peas/Winter rye and Alfalfa -as soon as beds are cleared and ready. More to come.

G. Other

1. Tarps are needed to cover the wheel barrows. There is not enough room in the shed for all with the two new ones acquired from Sandy. (See vote to purchase above).

2. New pantry garden shed? Brigit will talk to CEO about permitting. Bring information to next meeting to discuss.

H. Adjourn

Sue moved to adjourn, Oksana second, Vote 6/0 @ 4:15 pm.

Next meeting 11/8/23 at 3 pm.

Reported by
Sue Briggs, Acting Secretary