

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2016, 7:33 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 106)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Rich Clouser, Amy Acevedo
- **Minutes for 10/3/16 meeting:**
 - o Approved
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o Committee did not meet 11/7 as scheduled due to lack of quorum.
 - o No new members for committee yet.
 - o Meeting dates for next year: Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6. All meetings to be held at 7:30 PM. Kiernan will contact Town Hall to book a room/post dates.
 - o Amy hasn't done any work yet on the website issue, etc., will handle it off-season and hopefully we will have it up and running and ready to go by our first 2017 meeting.
 - o February meeting will focus on problem solving to get sign-up process sorted out.
 - o Need to find out when town budgets are being submitted so we can prepare a request for funds and/or materials to help rebuild.
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Rich visited garden this morning and most beds are cleared out. A few still have green growing plants.
 - o Water is off for the season and one of our gardeners put the hoses away for us.
 - o Rich checked landscape fabric patch and nothing has come up through it so far. Crabgrass won't germinate till next June – soil has to be a certain temp and day has to be certain length, plus sunlight. So landscape fabric will prevent anything coming up from under it, but there are probably seeds in the mulch on top of the fabric that will sprout in June. Next season we should rake chips on a weekly basis to disturb seeds from sprouting.
 - o Need to communicate with gardeners now that season is over to thank them for their hard work this year. Next year we will schedule workdays more regularly
 - o Rich thinks reinforced beds will hold for another season. No current budget/plan for rebuilding, we are looking into some ways to make this happen. First option is to contact Town to see if they can help but Amy hasn't done that yet. If beds will hold for one more year, that gives us a season to make the plan for replacement of the non-pressure-treated ones (all but 6).
- **2016 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o None
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - o None
- **New Business:**
 - o None
- **Adjourn: 8:05 PM**