

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2017, 7:30 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 205)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Bonnie Kaiden, Amy Acevedo
- **Minutes for 2/6/17 meeting:**
 - o Approved
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o Reminder re: ethics training due by 4/7
 - o Still hunting for new committee members – we will continue to reach out
 - o Rich Clauser has been AWOL – will reach out to him as well
 - o Amy hasn't been able to reach Derek Luccini the webmaster but she has info JP needs to try to build a better website for us to handle signups, etc., so we'll set up a meeting ASAP
 - o May be easier at this point to simply buy a new domain and build a new site b/c hosting fees at existing .com site are too high. .org site is now back up – maybe could rework that one
 - o Ideal would be to have it completed by next meeting
 - o Bonnie emailed all existing gardeners on 2/20 and so far the following have responded
 - o Claire Robins, Kathy Clough, Teresa Triana, Jack Barry, Deb Schwab, Susan Baker, Karen Roeber, Nancy Stolf, Kim Bradshaw all emailed independently (not in response to Bonnie)
 - o Marcie Duffy, Kristen Fiorenza, Bill Gagne, Ann Gilberti, Jamie Barrett, Val Sternadore, Sean Fields Berry, Kelly Sabini, Peggy Holland, Jennifer Eble, Patricia Hatch, Jim McDonald, Ed Williamson, Kim McLean, Dan Chase, Deb Patrick, Casey & Tim O'Rourke, Jean Scoba HMEA, Deb Ward, Lauren Duffy, Sue Streeter HMEA, Vicki (27) responded to Bonnie that they will be back, plus Bonnie is renewing
 - o 33 beds accounted for so far through renewals, 6-7 new interested since last June. Bonnie will bump them to top of waitlist and we will reach out
 - o Amy will update garden map for 2017 so we have a visual of confirmed renewals
 - o We will reach out again to 2016 gardeners who haven't yet responded
 - o Once website is up and running we'll share info with Rec and make sure they do not start their own waitlist; they should instruct interested parties to contact us directly. Will also ask what they need/prefer from us as far as updates
 - o Bonnie will check with Jeff Nutting's office to find out what they need from us and when in order to consider us for inclusion in next year's budget; nonprofit group may also be able to get some funding from Franklin Rotary if nothing is available through Town
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Amy will let confirmed renewals know they can start planting this month (peas), weather permitting
 - o Need to communicate with gardeners re: alternate volunteer opportunities this season besides weeding – they can help with plant sale, help Rich with bed maintenance, organize a program, etc.
- **2017 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**

- Updates above
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - Plant sale will be weekend of May 20-21 (weekend before Memorial Day) – start promoting now! Next communication to gardeners will include link to Signup Genius for volunteer slots
 - Need to come up with some sort of new gardener Q&A – office hours, email, etc.
- **New Business:**
 - None
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