

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2017, 7:32 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 205)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Bonnie Kaiden, Rich Clauser, Amy Acevedo
- **Minutes for 4/18/17 meeting:**
 - o Approved
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o Bonnie has now completed state ethics training
 - o Kiernan has notified Town that all committee members wish to be reappointed
 - o Phyllis Smith has been appointed as of today, Bonnie will reach out to confirm she will join us for next meeting
 - o Mel at Agway is happy to let us put up a flyer at the store to spread the word that we need more committee members still – Bonnie will take text from her last email to gardeners re: committee to prepare a flyer
 - o Nothing's happened lately with website
 - o Amy hasn't yet reached out to Peter Saracen but will do
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Water is now on
 - o Rich will be handling flag system this year to notify gardeners when to weed/harvest/etc
 - o Some old message flags are still in shed but Amy will pick up some new ones from Leonards, maybe time to reinstitute the Golden Trowel too
 - o DPW needs 45 days lead time to coordinate delivery of new bed materials, Rich will touch base with DPW to arrange that ASAP. Amy will forward Rich the necessary contact info
 - o Plan is to reconstruct existing beds, deconstruct bed 21 (Bonnie suggests putting a park bench, etc. under the tree there)
 - o Soil will be reused as much as possible, old lumber will be hauled away and disposed by DPW (ideally, we will have this conversation with them)
 - o Amy has the plans for the original beds, Rich has some ideas to modify design
- **2017 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o All new gardeners got a welcome email from Amy
 - o Nothing really new with Rec, Amy has been given two more names of interested gardeners
 - o Despite written requests, Rec is still maintaining their own waitlist, but it's not as large as it looks – only 2-3 gardeners from their list didn't overlap with ours and have been added
 - o Amy just checked Activity Reg during our meeting and Rec's waitlist has been taken down, there is now a message to contact us directly!
 - o As of last check-in with Megan at Rec, no surprise additions. Amy has not checked in with her this week.
 - o Currently 2 open beds (26 & 30), have not yet been assigned from waitlist but will be done this week
 - o Amy has reached out several times to food pantry re: beds 6 and 22, and we still don't know who will be maintaining them. Food pantry hasn't been responsive
 - o Rich volunteers to maintain food pantry beds if necessary

- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - Bonnie has drafted an email to new and renewing gardeners outlining volunteer opportunities including committee service, mentoring, and social media management
 - Add “maintain Facebook page” to social media section
 - Delete date from Build Day section and just put TBD, gardeners will be involved in building
 - Debating whether we will build new beds or DPW will – a row by row approach may work well. Will discuss more at next meeting
 - Plant sale scheduled for May 20-21, 9 AM-12 PM. We will ask gardeners to volunteer for a time slot via email – Signup Genius will work better for biweekly work days (we tried the low tech bulletin board signup sheet and that didn’t work)
 - We need to decide how many slots we need to make available per workday – will divide number of gardeners by number of workdays
- **New Business:**
 - None
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