

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2017, 7:30 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 205)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Bonnie Kaiden, Rich Clauser
- **Minutes for 5/8/17 meeting:**
 - o Approved
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o New member Phyllis Smith wasn't able to attend tonight. Bonnie will stay in touch and make sure July meeting date/time works for her so she can attend
 - o Kiernan will be unavailable for next year's February and March meetings due to maternity leave – will need to make sure we have enough committee members for adequate coverage
 - o Bonnie still working on flyer to put up at Agway to attract new committee members
 - o Kelly Sabini has volunteered to manage our Facebook page – committee agrees
 - o Easiest way to manage would be to make sure we all have Kelly's email – if we think of something that should go on Facebook, email Kelly and let her know! Kelly and Kiernan will be added to page as admins
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Rich is redoing bulletin board on shed, should be back up tomorrow
 - o Rich has made list of beds which are still untouched (12 of them) – it's still a little early but we will reach out to these gardeners before next meeting to double-check that they're still interested. (Amy notes that another farmer in town hasn't yet planted his tomatoes due to recent weather conditions, so we'll give our gardeners a couple of weeks, but we will need to touch base prior to next meeting.)
 - 5, 26, 30, 38, 37, 27, 22, 21 (shade bed), 33, 11, 13, 41. Bed 26 was just recently assigned
 - Amy will check to see if we have phone numbers for these gardeners
 - o Bed 24 is also shaded by tree and it's supposed to be food pantry bed – unclear who is currently taking responsibility for that one
 - o Rich proposes rebuilding new beds around existing ones – Amy thinks that is not going to work well because the older rotting ones are ant infested, and the ants will stay if the old wood stays. Rich will discuss with DPW to see if they have any ideas on how to make the rebuild most efficient
 - o Amy will forward Rich the contact info for DPW to coordinate the material delivery for the new beds
 - o Bed 21 (shaded bed under tree) will not be rebuilt. Bonnie suggested at last meeting putting a park bench, etc. there; Amy suggests turning the area into a flower planter around the tree. We will have to look at the area and see what might work – Rich will take measurements and Kiernan will help design
 - o Some gardeners (5-6) have been emailing about availability for workdays – Amy will forward them to Rich since he is taking responsibility for running those. Rich will also put workday schedule up on bulletin board at garden
 - o Deb Schwab would like to put signs up at the garden for things like the compost bins – Bonnie suggested she email the committee, which she has done. Committee votes to give her the go-ahead.
 - o New flags should arrive next week, Amy will bring to shed

- Bill Gagne (bed 23) emailed re: someone watering his bed
- Dog footprints found in a planted garden bed, not sure how that happened since dogs are not allowed in the garden per the sign on the fence
- Need to keep an eye on undergrowth creeping back toward back fence – will ask DPW if they can do an annual mow
- Last year's weed barrier experiment behind bed 40 seems to be working – may consider doing it all along back fence. DPW may have more materials/ability to get more
- Rich will request another load of wood chips
- **2017 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - Amy has reached out to two new gardeners who would like to be added to our waitlist – we do have one more open bed (30) but there are several names on waitlist we need to run through. 30 is on Rich's "untouched" list
 - 6 and 22 are food pantry beds, 6 has been planted but 22 has not
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - Plant sale made \$84 total for Friends
 - Next year it may be wise to determine plant sale date after we know what other plant sales are happening in the area and when – traffic was much lower this year at ours. May also want to consider moving location – possibly somewhere downtown
 - About 20 plants left – whatever we don't sell Amy will donate to food pantry beds
 - Bonnie will send monthly email reminders of workday dates
- **New Business:**
 - None
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