

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2017, 7:30 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 205)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Bonnie Kaiden, Rich Clauser
- **Minutes for 6/5/17 meeting:**
 - o Approved
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o Need to contact Phyllis Smith to make sure she can attend future meetings
 - o Holly Nordby also interested but we have not been able to reach her via the email address provided. Bonnie called but she hasn't called back.
 - o Bonnie put flyer up at Agway; Kiernan's mom is going to spread word through her church to Franklin residents
 - o Amy needs to get in touch with Kelly Sabini to get our Facebook page back up and running
 - o Annual report time is coming up – if any members have items that should be included please let Kiernan know
 - o Need to check with Town re: whether funds would still be available for bed rebuild if we choose not to do project this year. Our feeling is no, but Bonnie can check with Jeff Nutting's office. No real reason not to do project this year because all is ready for it.
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o 4 beds still not used
 - 22, 6, 30, and 37 are the ones in question
 - 22 and 6 are food pantry beds so Rich will plant
 - 30 was unassigned as of last month; unclear whether anyone has reached out to anyone remaining on waitlist
 - 37 belongs to Kim Bradshaw – kim6126 at gmail.com. Rich will contact her to find out if she wants to use or reassign her bed
 - o Mid-August is the month to coordinate with DPW re: delivery of materials for bed rebuild. Not sure whether DPW has specifics on what we need or not – Bonnie will check with DPW to find out exactly what they still need from us and whether they will be able to assist with rebuild at all
 - o Bulletin board is back up and all the info has been erased re: workdays! Rich will repost.
 - o Rich still needs to take measurements of bed 21 area to figure out what we can do with that space once bed is demolished. Current layout doesn't lend itself well to any of the projects we've been considering. May make the most sense just to demolish the bed and leave the space empty to give us more room to work during rebuild. We can decide later how to best use the space once everything is settled.
 - o Bonnie will send monthly email reminders to whole garden list re: upcoming workdays – next are July 16 and August 5
 - o Unclear whether anyone notified Deb Schwab that she is free to add signs to the garden (compost bins, etc). Bonnie will contact her to let her know.
 - o Garden flags have been delivered to shed
 - o Combination lock is sticking again – we'll put some WD-40 on it to see if that helps and if not we can discuss other solutions at next meeting

- No further dog reports or dog sightings since last meeting
- Weed barrier is working to reduce weeds (not eliminate entirely) but needs to be added to/maintained.
- When Bonnie talks to DPW she will find out if they can mow undergrowth behind back fence like they did last year.
- New load of wood chips has been delivered
- **2017 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - Need to reach out to remainder of waitlist to find out if anyone wants bed 30 – only remaining unassigned bed. Amy has waitlist and will contact
 - Rich will take responsibility for food pantry beds, can also ask for help as needed from gardeners on workdays
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - Nothing to discuss
- **New Business:**
 - None
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