

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2016, 8:07 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 205)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Rich Clauser, Bonnie Kaiden, Amy Acevedo
- **Minutes for 12/16/15 meeting:**
 - o Approved
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o Discussed moving meetings to 7:30 PM; Kiernan will check with Town to see if this is feasible (if room is available at that time)
 - o Amy reports Val Sternadore is interested in joining committee – not able to meet tonight but will be speaking with Amy tomorrow to find out what Town paperwork must be done.
 - o Rec new conference room is complete, may still be working on other meeting space.
 - o Amy would like to have committee members meet with Rec, particularly Megan Woodacre, to discuss garden matters going forward. Will reach out to make arrangements.
 - o Revised bylaws/rules and regs just need to be compiled in final form and will then be approved by committee, then ready to give to Town and put out to gardeners. Bonnie will work on compiling the final draft and will send to all committee members to review in order to vote and approve at March meeting.
 - o Garden Etiquette/organic guidelines/etc. also need to be reviewed and edited before distribution to 2016 gardeners. Map of beds needs to be updated to reflect new builds. (New beds need to be numbered!) Amy will work on edits to this document and Rich will work on map.
 - o Rec maintains .com website, but dynamic info comes from blog. Kiernan will be taking over the social media functions, will update for this year.
 - o Amy will contact Ryan and his friend to get static info for website updated (contact info for garden, etc.)
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Question about workdays and how they will be handled: Amy reminded us that we previously discussed that some will be unable to do weekend workdays, so for those people Rich will assign them a task.
 - o Rich contacted gardeners who didn't clean up beds at end of 2015 season; about half responded and cleaned up, half ignored it. What will we do this season about people who ignore the rules? Bonnie suggests when we get to the point of renewing gardens, if any of the people trying to renew are the slackers, they will not be allowed to renew. This has always been the basic policy but hasn't really been enforced.
 - o If you don't maintain your bed, it goes up for availability to waitlist.
- **2016 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o Time to put out notice to existing gardeners that it's time to notify us whether they are renewing; if we don't hear back from them we will notify them that their bed could be reassigned. Amy will be sending everyone first notice this week.
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - o Kiernan will go over last couple of years and determine what events have been successful, start coming up with preliminary calendar for this year. Will also put out social media call for input – what events would gardeners like to have?

- Not all events will be held at garden – could potentially use Rec meeting space, especially for educational-type events. Rich suggests maybe a recipe swap which would be great for the height of harvest season.
 - Plant sale is always successful and we will definitely repeat that one.
- **New Business:**
 - Next meeting will vote on approval of complete and final packet – bylaws, rules/regs, garden info.
- **Adjourn: 8:50 PM**