

Pelham Neighbor 2 Neighbor Community Garden Minutes 7/13/16

Town Hall

Present: Abbie Jenks, Cyd Reiman, Wendi Weinberg, Heidi Dollard, Richard Seelig, Sue Tippet
Meeting Called to Order 6:50 p.m.
Minutes Approved from 6/8/16 meeting

Agenda Item #1

Maintenance:

- a) Rick and Kevin have created the *parking lot*. Gravel was purchased from the CPA budget for the Community garden, but not put down yet. Two concrete posts are in place that the Community Garden Committee can put a chain across, with a 'No Parking' sign - for vehicle access into the field. Wendi will talk to Haydenville Woodworking for a small wooden sign: "Please Do Not Block This Entrance".
- b) *Water Tanks* were filled on July 11th by the fire dept.
- c) *Mowing* - Cyd will go to a Conservation Commission meeting and ask them to follow through with the consistent mowing of the field. It is under their jurisdiction for maintenance because it's town land. The field is an overgrown mess and looks unwelcoming for gardeners and non-gardeners. It will really impede the success of this project if we cannot keep the field mowed.
- d) We also need the opening at the stone wall to be good *access for vehicles* from Meetinghouse Road. Rick Adamcek said he would take care of that.

Agenda Item #2

Garden Shed? - We can price one out now and if there is lots of interest in the garden next year, we can consider it....and maybe a picnic table.
Richard might do a design and pricing this winter. A pre-fab would probably be cheaper but not as nice?

Agenda Item #3

Pollinator Garden - It was proposed at this meeting to create a subcommittee for the design and creation of the pollinator garden. Heidi and Sue volunteered to be this committee. As a starting point lets get Rick to mow it down, than Sue and Heidi can take it from there.

Agenda Item #4

Fall School Newsletter & Pelham Slate - Wendi will write a blurb about this first garden season that can be published in both publications. Give it (e-mail) to Sue for the Sept. school newsletter. Send it for the Slate to: pelhamadministrator@comcast.net (Susannah 253-7129).

Agenda Item #5

Unused or untended garden plots - We discussed composing an e-mail (or snail mailing) to the gardeners for feedback on this first season.
We came up with this quick draft:

"This was our first season as a community garden - the Garden Committee needs to know what worked for gardeners, and what didn't.
It would be really helpful for us to hear from you! If you are an active gardener, tell us what worked well for you. If you're not maintaining and harvesting your plot, tell us what we can do to make this community space work better for you.

All ideas and feedback are welcome! "

Meeting Adjourned 7:40 p.m.
August Meeting is Cancelled
Next Meeting September 14th, 2016, 6:45 p.m. history room at library.

Minutes by Wendi M. Weinberg