

## Gardening Committee Minutes 9/14/16

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### Pelham Neighbor 2 Neighbor Community Garden Minutes 9/14/16

Present: Heidi Dollard, Roger Conant, Wendi Weinberg, Sue Tippett  
Meeting Called to ORder 6:45 p.m.  
Minutes Approved from 7/13/16 meeting

\*Heidi called and thanked Rick A. for mowing.\*

#### Agenda Item #1

*Unharvested Food at Garden* - Some gardeners are not harvesting ripe produce and we're concerned about food going to waste. We decided to call folks - two were called during the meeting, one gave us permission to take from their plot and the other said she goes on the weekends and will do her own harvesting. Can we donate food to Bangs Center in Amherst for their community meals? Council on aging in Pelham no longer does meals.

#### Agenda Item #2

*Mowing* - Cyd still needs to go to the next Conservation Commission meeting to discuss mowing and also clearing trees and bittersweet from the opening in the stone wall for vehicle access.

#### Agenda Item #3

Garden photo poster and registration forms are still in *library*. We decided to take them down for the season.

#### Agenda Item #4

*Pollinator Garden* - Heidi and Sue as sub-committee are having fun planning and working on it. They are covering it with cardboard & need folks to drop off staple and ink free large sheets to the garden site. Bags of pine needles are also needed. NOT LEAVES unless they are chopped, as whole leaves pack down and get moldy.

They envision paths in the pollinator garden & seating in the middle. Reminder that we can use the barn timbers for border, benches, whatever.

Donations of plants will be requested from folks' yards in the Spring.

#### Agenda Item #5

We discussed our first 'end of season' protocol. Decided to put on agenda for October 12th meeting: draining water tanks, feedback questionnaire to gardeners, clean up requirements, etc. We should find out how other community gardens handle end of season.

Plant oats and buckwheat again as a cover crop? How involved does this committee want to get in winter season plot care?

Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Minutes by Wendi Weinberg