

Garden Committee Minutes 11/16/16

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Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 9:52 AM

Pelham Neighbor 2 Neighbor Community Garden Minutes 11/16/16

Present: Wendi Weinberg, Cyd Reiman, Abbie Jenks, Richard Seelig, Sue Tippett, Roger Conant
Meeting Called to Order 5:52 p.m.
Minutes approved from 10/17/16 meeting.

Good news...Abbie got into the Master Gardener program at Holyoke Community College! (Meets every Tuesday for four months).

Agenda Item #1

Pollinator Garden

- ~ Layering under way: cardboard is down, paths defined with wood chips, leaves going on top of cardboard, compost will go on top of leaves. Need more leaves: NO OAK is best, pine needles are good.
- ~ Timbers from old barn: We will cut to length & use to define the paths. Sue's friend (Petey) will cut them for us.
- ~ Sue is getting lots of free plants for the pollinator garden from someone she recently met (Pam) - will pick them up in Spring.
- ~ Work Day: Either 12/3/16 OR 12/10/16, meet on site at 10:00 a.m. to cut timbers, clear uncleared plots, move compost onto pollinator garden.

We Agreed To Clean Inside Of *Water Tanks* In Spring

Agenda Item #2

Mowing, Ongoing Saga - Select Board and Conservation Committee are aware of our mowing frustration concerning inconsistency. Abbie is Chair of the Planning Board and spoke to Rick Adamcek, which may prove helpful going forward. He was overwhelmed last Spring & Summer with road and bridge construction. With that behind him, lets hope he'll get the Garden Site on his regular mowing rotation schedule starting in Spring 2017.

Agenda Item #3

Publicity for the garden - How about a workshop series at the library: 1) January or February- invite Roger's friend Elizabeth Farnsworth to give a talk on pollinator gardens. She is a world known consultant. 2) March - Richard offered to do a seed starting workshop combined with a seed swap. 3) Wendi (NOFA notes) and one other person do workshop on different ways to preserve food: dehydrating, freezing, canning, fermenting (Gabor?)

CREATE a poster board in December with photos from Heidi and Roger, reflecting the garden in full swing this past summer.

At each of these workshops 'advertise' the community garden, showing poster board.

BRAINSTORMING PUBLICITY IDEAS TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN:

- a) Host a **movie** night at the library with film relevant to community gardens/local growing ideas / etc.
- b) In early Spring at application time show up on **recycling day** with **flyers** & applications
- c) One of us go to a **PTO meeting** - get on the agenda & tell folks about the garden. Ask them to spread the word. Bring the poster board.
- d) **Pelham School Fair** (when is it?) - have a 'Plant your own seeds' table there.
- e) Some of us help with the Spring **Pelham Plant Sale** that benefits the library.
- f) Organize a garden tour in Pelham that focuses solely on growing food. For example Abbie's, Sue's, Pedro & Maital's gardens, and others.

Meeting Adjourned 6:47 p.m.

Next Meeting 12/14/16 at 5:45 p.m.

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Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 3:23 PM

Pelham Neighbor 2 Neighbor Community Garden Minutes 10/17/16

Present: Cyd Reiman, Wendi Weinberg, Roger Conant, Richard Seelig
Meeting Called to Order 5:45 p.m.
Minutes approved from 9/14/16 meeting.

Agenda Item #1

Water Tanks have been drained; they do not need to be covered for winter; leave them in place; clean inside now or in the Spring.

Agenda Item #2

Rick Adamcek runs the town mowers_& is in charge of town maintenance - The town funded this project, we believe they should maintain that field.

Agenda Item #3

Pollinator Garden - Would like update from Sue and Heidi as to intention with the cardboard and leaves. What's next!?

Agenda Item #4

The equipment Pelham uses to clear saplings is shared by four towns. Rick is waiting to receive it, so we can have vehicle access at the stone wall garden site opened up. This will make it easy for cars and small trucks to access the garden if the parking area is full.

Agenda Item #5

End of Season Plot Care-Wendi will send out an e-mail to the gardeners regarding cleaning out plots for winter. Language will be taken from the 'Rules & Guidelines' (item #6 in packet) given to them at time of registration. It was suggested that next season we charge \$40 a plot, \$20. refundable at end of season when their plot is cleaned out. That gives gardeners additional motivation to take that responsibility.

The South Hadley Community Garden said it took 3 years to gain momentum and energy for their garden.

Agenda Items (brainstorming) for next few meetings:

- a) Fee structure for next season (see agenda item #5)
- b) Work hours mandatory? - 4 hours per plot / per season
- c) Cover crop for winter on existing plots?
- d) Pollinator Garden update
- e) Timber use in pollinator garden for border?
- f) Publicity
- g) Review information packet and revise if necessary
- h) Host a seed starting workshop in March at the library?
- i) Have an end of season potluck next year, on site, for the community at large?

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.
Next Meeting 11/16/16 5:45 p.m.