

Pelham Neighbor 2 Neighbor Community Garden Minutes 12/14/16

Wendi Weinberg, Cyd Reiman, Sue Tippet, Abbie Jenks, Roger Conant, Richard Seelig
Meeting called to order 5:50 p.m. Minutes approved from 11/16/16 meeting

Gardeners who did not clean their plots end of season: Judith, Heather, Nicole
Ground frozen now, we'll have to wait until Spring.

Agenda Item #1 - Pollinator Garden Update: Dec.10th workday very productive. In 2 hours spread compost, put more leaves down, outlined garden & paths with timbers. *In Spring* we will need to order a truckload of compost to fill in the sections. (Ask Pedro & Maital who they got compost from). Margret Stancer (Wendi's neighbor) has flowering plants to donate for Spring planting.

Agenda Item #2 - Gardening Eligibility - Some folks in Shutesbury are talking about starting a community garden, conversation is on the Next-door Neighbor forum. We discussed whether to invite them to have plots in the Pelham gardens and decided no. Wait and give our garden 3 years, than see if we have plot space to invite folks from bordering towns. Besides, we don't want to take gardeners away from Shutesbury vision for a comm garden. Pelham residents are our first priority...if by May 1st we don't have applicants to fill all plots, should we consider putting it out to them (Shutesbury)?

Agenda Item #3- Publicity: How and where to increase publicity for our garden?

- a) Wendi will ask Heidi to e-mail all of us her photos of the garden in high season.
- b) Abbie will find out about the PTO meeting and how to get info out to that group
- c) Cyd will find out how to have an information table at May town meeting - in the back of room, with registration forms.
- d) Roger will print Heidi's pictures on good photo paper - 2 copies each. One copy for the kiosk sign and one for a 3-part foam core board presentation. The foam core board needs to be done by end January for Elizabeth' talk on Feb. 4th.

Agenda Item #4 - Two Workshops:

1. Elizabeth Farnsworth's talk - February 4 at 1pm, February 11th snow date. Roger reserved the Ramsdell room in library noon-3:00 on both days.
Elizabeth says, "... Usually I do a brief Powerpoint presentation with lots of time for audience feedback and questions. I'll also bring some handouts. Do you have access to a digital projector for the event? I'm betting the Pelham library has such equipment, so you might want to have the talk there."

Roger: "Do any of us have a digital projector, or does the library have one? I'll ask Jodi. If not I think I could borrow one somewhere."

Heidi: " Sometimes the AV is a problem. Dongles and cords go missing. Incompatible hardware and software. Bruce often called in to troubleshoot, can delay the talk. I recommend that you *try it all out the day before* or early that morning, and lock down all the components. I also recommend Elizabeth bring her talk on a USB stick in addition to her laptop."

How to advertise this event, so that people in Pelham, Amherst and Shutesbury etc.) would be welcome to come.
Wendi: I can call Hampshire Life and put it free in their calendar section. BUT I NEED a two sentence description on the event, as well as the time - from 1:00 until??

2. Richard Seelig - April 1st will do a seed swap & seed starting workshop. Need to put the date on library calendar;

how to publicize?

Meeting Adjourned 6:45.
next Meeting Jan 11, 2017 5:45 p.m.