

Pelham Neighbor 2 Neighbor Community Garden Minutes 3/8/17

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Present: Richard Seelig, Roger Conant, Wendi Weinberg, Cyd Reiman, Sue Tippet
Absent: Abbit Jenks, Heidi Dollard

Meeting Called to Order 5:35 p.m. Minutes from 2/8/17 meeting read and accepted.
EVENT: Pollinator Plants - 3/19 from 2:30-4:30 at Pathways Co-housing

Agenda Item #1 - Seed Starting & Seed Swap Event Sat. 3/25, 10 a.m.-Noon, Pelham Library, 2 South Valley Rd, Call 259-1268 for information.

BY March 12th, RICHARD will e-mail all of us AND Jody at the library, information on the event so she /we can publicize it. Please remember to say in the publicity that it is sponsored by the Pelham Neighbor 2 Neighbor Community Garden Committee.

More Publicity: **ROGER:** 413 staying connected; **JODY at LIBRARY:** library list; **CYD:** Write it at Kiosk at garden site; **ABBIE** send it out to your list

Wendi will have registration forms for planting season 2017 ready for this talk and will make sure they are at the library.

Agenda Item #2- Mower/Mowing-Rick Adamcek has a commercial mower the town cannot use because it only mows flat land. He offered to designate it as the garden mower, but want to store it on the concrete pad and only a town employee can use it. After discussion, we decided we are not interested in that, but will ask him if he wants to sell it to the committee. **CYD** will look at it, see what kind of shape it's in, and then decide if it is worth buying. A walk behind brush-hog would really suit our needs better. Should we look for a used one? Getting our own new or used mower so we can manage that field ourselves is best.

A Shed to store the mower needs to be figured out - build one with pallets (you-tubes on this)? Buy a cheap shed & have it delivered?

Agenda Item #3 - We discussed the **free talk** offered to the Pelham Library by Ashley Schenk - "Permaculture Landscapes and Gardens: Creating Resilient Communities". *We are interested in co-sponsoring* this with the library. **CYD: Call Jodi:** 1) ask her if it's an 'infomercial' for Broadfork Permaculture? 2) Ask her when she schedules it to avoid school vacation week 4/14-4/23. 3) Possibly Sat. 4/29 or an early May weeknight from 7-8pm?

Agenda Item #4-

Re-iterated that refundable plot **clean-up fee** for this season is \$20./per gardener, not per plot.

Agenda Item #5

Advertising for 2017 season:

- 1) Kiosk
- 2) Easel at library with photo board & registration forms
- 3) Roger's Community Events list
- 4) Start our own e-mail list - WHO will manage that from our committee?
- 5) Give on-line download of plot registration forms to Sue - she will get them out to Pelham families thru the school.
- 6) Next Year, gardeners in good standing get early bird registration forms via e-mail.

Agenda Item #6

Group Process - We discussed our group decision making process . Highlights:

- 1) Wendi (secretary) will get minutes of meeting to committee via e-mail within four days of the meeting.
- 2) All committee members will read the minutes when they get them, and be sure to follow thru with tasks 'signed up for'
- 3) Agenda of the meeting will be sent to all committee members at least a few days before each meeting.
- 4) If a committee member cannot attend a meeting, they can review the agenda and e-mail their thoughts to one or all of us, so their voice can be a part of that agenda discussion.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY APRIL 12th, 2017, 5:45-6:45, History Room of Library

Agenda Items 4/12:

- 1) Decide on budget for mower and shed
- 2) Report from Cyd about conversation with Rick A. about mower purchase from him? Is it worth it?
- 3) Report from Richard about 'Seed' event on 3/25
- 4) and.....?