

Waterboro Community Garden Committee Minutes
October 5, 2015

Present: Amy and Tony Lucarelli. Nancy Brandt, Sandy Jorgensen and Jon Gale. Also present: Joanne Canane, George Grebins, and Debbie Downs.

Old Business: Missy Brandt will check beds on the 16th after the clean off deadline on the October 15th. Sandy feels there is a need to be sure cleanup of beds has taken place and maybe not allow future rentals for renters that have a pattern of not cleaning off. Amy suggested instead of enforcing the past, need to enforce going forward and it is covered under the by-laws. Sandy thinks it is an unfair burden for rents for next year and may not be the same renters the following year. Joanne suggested sending out a letter will start to enforce it. Jon thought if not cleaned off by the 15th will cost additional. Amy stated other gardens hold \$5.-10.00 to be returned when cleaned off. Also will have to start next year as the applications are available now and some have been received. Sandy volunteered to send out a letter on town letterhead to clean up the bed. Amy added first is a phone call if not clean off by a certain date (each member of the committee will contact), follow up second deadline then the letter will have committee will be unable to except any further applications.

Bed swap: Funergy front beds gets a lot of shade. Sandy rescinded her offer from last meeting to sway beds. Both Joanne and Sandy do not get the complaint, the bed had a great growing season. Agreed to wait until renewals are in to see if any plots are not rented. Sandy feels that bed is an acceptable plot.

Gardener's Supply: Amy brought on catalogue to look at items for the garden. Discussion was held regarding trip irrigation for the beds. At this time, it is not feasible. Will take a lot of education to make sure it is not damaged within the bed. Has the potential to be time consuming with repairs.

New Business: Motion made to purchase bungee cords and hooks for the shed. 8 of each. Voted passed.

Amy reported that she submitted to the Master Gardener's for a request for the pantry garden: 8 yards of compost, t-tape with irrigation, straw, weed block.

Educational programs: Debbie Downs , the programs held by the committee were not properly advertise and had a low turnout. Both Amy and Nancy responded that was not the case. Advertising was held, in fact had people attend from other areas when they saw the ad. It takes a lot of time to set up the workshops. Speakers have to be contacted, room available, set up that morning and clean up after. Amy missed only one. Summer is not a hit for workshops and should



be in the spring. Last spring, no committee member volunteered to head up the program. Joanne suggest asking renters what they would like to see for workshops.

Debbie has volunteered to head up the educational portion of the community garden. Amy will let her know what she will need to conduct the programs.

Adjournment was made at 6:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer

