

## **Waterboro Community Garden Committee and Member Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 17, 2022 1 pm** – old end meeting room

**Attendees: Brigit McCallum, Oksana Sigleski, Sandy Jorgensen, Lisa Moulton, Sue Briggs**

**Introductions/Welcome**

**Approval of July 13, 2022 Minutes**

- A. Minutes accepted by vote 4/0**
- B. Financial Report – Sherry**

**Brigit submitted the financial report given to her by Sherry.**

**Concern that disclosure is not on the town report. Sherry to find out why.**

**C. Infrastructure**

- 1. Rodent situation report – Lisa

**2 Rats and one chipmunk have been caught in the traps that were set. We are making progress! No new signs of issues. Traps remain in several beds and are marked with red tipped stakes.**

- 2. Status of grass/weeds at ends of left side beds and behind the far end beds –Oksana

**Oksana and Sue have completed the digging, fabric laying and chip placement at the north end of the beds. Next week Oksana will send out a request for the west side beds owners to de-sod at the stringed area. Oksana and Sue to direct how and will lay the fabric and chips once completed. Bed owners can ask for help if they aren't able. There is an edger and flat blade shovel at the end of Moody Pond bed to use. Please return to that bed when done.**

- 3. Shed door color decision

**There was a lot of discussion regarding the painting of the door. As no one from the painting crew submitted color chips or attended the meeting today, the committee went forward as follows.**

**Sandy is in the process of repairs to the handle. Ernesto previously agreed to paint the door.**

**Just the door is to be painted. Window trim nor handle shall be painted.**

**Final decision on the shade of yellow is to be decided by Ernesto and Sandy. Sandy has purchased yellow paint which may or may not be the final color. Vote : 4/0.**

4. Cleanup time: Items along fence by compost pile and in shed – Oksana

**This cleanup will wait until September when it is cooler.  
Oksana will make a list of items available and post and or mark items.**

5. Timing decision for installing walkway flagstones – who will work on this - Brigit

**Brigit requested that this be done before winter. All agreed this is a good fall project for cooler weather.**

**Brigit and Oksana to decide the area for the walkway,  
(Measurements taken after the meeting are 4'10" gate width X about 20' long fence to parking lot. There are approximately 42 flagstones, most about 18" x 12" which will probably be enough).**

**Sue explained several ways to lay the walkway with laying of stones and cutting around them being the easiest to do. Stones will be laid with area around them for grass to grow between and making it easy to mow over.**

**Sue will coordinate the effort to lay stones, cut out dirt beneath and fill to level with sand. Loam from the compost pile can be used if needed then reseed in any areas needed.**

**Lisa had sand available to use and will bring about 4 buckets.**

**Anyone that would like to volunteer is welcome to help move flagstones, cut dirt and lay material. Volunteer hours available.**

6. Discuss possible installation of a rain gauge – Brigit

**Brigit will figure out purchasing and billing with Sherry and get one from Woodsome or Ace hardware. All agreed this was a great idea! .**

7. Other

**No new infrastructure business.**

- D. Food pantry garden update – Oksana

**Oksana reported that the bugs seem to be under control.**

**Tomatoes and green beans( new this year), have produced a good crop.**

**43 lbs of onions have been harvested.**

**Carrots are growing nicely and coming soon.**

**220 lbs have been donated this month, with about 300 lbs total for the year.**

**E. Organizational matters**

1. Sue Briggs is interested in becoming an honorary committee member.  
**Committee voted 4/0 to make Sue an Honorary Committee Member. She will have voting rights for all but financial matters. Vote 4/0**

2. Updating of WCG Handbook – who will work on this – Brigit

**Brigit to write draft with updates, include a mission statement and present to the committee for review.**

3. Discuss creation of an Orientation checklist for new members – Brigit

**Brigit explained that the Orientation for new gardeners most likely will come from of the handbook updates.**

4. Discuss creation of a cleanup checklist when a member decides to leave or not renew a bed – Brigit

**Renters receive the cleanup deposit back when they don't renew the rental. Discussion of how we know when that work is done. A checklist was suggested and Brigit will review and do a draft.**

**F. Volunteer hours update - Lisa**

**Lisa reports that there were 19-1/2 volunteer hours completed this month. Lisa asked if non bed gardeners( such as Oksana and Sherry that do the pantry beds) should report hours. Discussion about how that amount of hours would be helpful for Grants, etc.**

**Decision to track hours to be determined at a later date.**

**G. Future possibilities**

1. Options for space outside of fence by parking lot: Remove oaks? Plant shrubs? Other ideas?
2. Sitting area upgrade?

**Tabled for next meeting.**

**H. Other**

**End of season potluck scheduled for Saturday September 17 @ 1 pm.**

**Rain date Sunday September 18 @ 1 pm.**

**All are encouraged to attend!**