



Uxbridge Community Gardens

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Lower Town Hall
21 S. Main St, Uxbridge

Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Lemire reporting. Treasurer's report accepted.

Meeting Minutes: Kris Holt read minutes from previous meeting. Accepted with change to treasurer's report balance of \$2,630.

Application Update: 39 applications have been received.

Plowing & Staking: most applicants have replied via Yahoo group as to whether they want to be plowed the following year. There was discussion regarding the pros & cons of plowing annually. Renters may share rototillers to turn individual plots. Everyone who definitely does not want to be plowed next year will be placed in the same row. The garden area has been mowed, and staking and plowing will be completed next week. **Barbara Hall** to confirm date with **Gerry Visser**.

Work day for scouts / volunteers: The Boy Scouts may help with staking and rock removal. We are tentatively scheduled for Sat, depending on weather.

Message Board / Sign: **Matt Benedict** presented his plan to the group. The sign will say "Welcome to UCG" in large letters, and also "UYSL" in smaller print below. It will be placed somewhere near the stone wall, and have plexi-glass and a bulletin board.

Assignment of plots: More stakes will be needed. An email will be sent out on the Yahoo group when the date is set for marking. Barbara has yellow signs to mark the plot numbers. Plots will be divided by rows, so people can drive down to deliver material, etc. to their plot. There was discussion regarding the orientation of plots, and growing of corn and other tall crops. Barbara says "those with just corn will just have raccoons!"

Soil Sample / Organic update: The first page of the organic gardening information that was handed out was the most helpful for newer gardeners. It was posted on Facebook and Yahoo. **Ann & Mary** plan to have organic gardening demos. They are also going to

a plant sale on the 24th. Barbara posted a link to "The Good Earth" on the Facebook page. **Christine** mentioned that RI was offering an organic gardening series, and she will post that link on Facebook.

Fundraising / Sponsors & Hat update: We have received 2 past donations from Unibank & BV Gardeners (\$2750 total). **Jackie** and **Sandy** spoke with managers at Savers Bank & Hannaford's. **Sandy** proposed sending out letters to local businesses, explaining the UCG and asking for donations.

We need money for water. Tanks are approx \$1500 (new) + \$500 delivery. UFD can fill the tanks for approx \$400. As of now, UYLS does not want to split the cost of a well. Rain barrels are encouraged. With water tanks, a spigot & some sort of locking mechanism will be needed.

Stuart DeYoung gave information regarding the National Guard having free water buffalo's. **Barbara** will contact him for more information. Chief Ostroskey may also have connections with a water buffalo. **Kelly Bickford** will contact Chief Kessler to see if he has any additional information.

The hats have been ordered by **Sara** thru EM Screen. They will be ready on the 18th or 19th. 36 were ordered in stone & hunter green. The wholesale cost is \$9.32/hat. The disk is \$100. We will sell the hats for \$15/each.

Banner: BVT quoted a price of an UCG Banner of \$65 for a 3X6', or \$50 for a 2X6'. It will be a combination of vinyl cut and print, with the logo on the left and the printing on the right. **Barbara** made a motion to purchase the 2X6 banner, it was seconded and approved unanimously. **Sara** will purchase the banner through BVT.

Opening Day: Invitations will be sent out to all of the plot holders via email. We will have a ribbon cutting. **Barbara** has caution tape and pruning shears. Plot holders will be given the seedlings from the library presentation. The town manager will be invited, also donors, the BOS, Conservation Commission. **Kris** will bring the EZ Up, table and chairs, scarecrow. We will have an announcement, and then a garden "orientation" from 1-3pm on the 21st.

Mary has more information on organic guidelines that she will bring. She also said Jack Hitchner might be willing to come give a presentation on organics for free.

*The town compost is NOT organic – **Barbara** will call Davis' to let them know.

It was also suggested that maybe **Corrina Taylor** could organize a Cub Scout scarecrow contest. They will need straw, NOT hay!

Timeline Review/New Business: The food pantry will have a box for extra crops.

Janice Watt was present and discussing how to tie in the schools and the UCG. It was suggested that the school have an herb garden plot, that students can maintain in the spring and fall. We can look for volunteers to maintain it in the summer months.

***Janice** will also put a blurb regarding the UCG on her school menus.

*We are still accepting garden applications.

*We would like to have a fall market day, to be discussed at a later date.

***Bob Hadley** gave contact information for a photographer at the Milford Patch.

Meeting adjourned 8:13pm.
Next UCG Meeting TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Holt
UCG Secretary

Barbara Hall	Chairperson	<u>Barbara C. Hall</u>
Kim DeMers	Vice Chair	<u>Kim DeMers</u>
Sandy Lemire	Treasurer	<u>Sandy Lemire</u>
Kris Holt	Secretary	<u>Kristen Holt</u>
Jackie Wheelock	Member at Large	<u>Jackie Wheelock</u>