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Uxbridge Community Gardens

November 26, 2012
Lower Town Hall
21 S. Main St, Uxbridge

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Quorum: 5/5 in attendance.

Minutes of October 9, 2012: Kris Holt reporting. Minutes read & accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Lemire reporting. Treasurer's report accepted with a balance of \$3953.44. Sandy also reporting that the bank account at Unibank will need to be discontinued soon, as it was extended pending the approval of a revolving fund with the town. Given the uncertainty of the revolving fund at this point, the UCG needs to inquire about establishing an account with an EIN number and Bylaws.

Old Business

- 1. Town Meeting Follow-Up:** Barbara gave a review of the annual fall Town Meeting. Both UCG petition articles passed. Two individuals have challenged the legality of articles 1-13 at town meeting. In part, they questioned if the UCG articles are out of order. David Generoux was representing the UCG at the BOS meeting, also held 11/26/12. Town Counsel has determined that town meeting action was appropriate. The Attorney General's office will review the warrant. The status of UCG as a town committee and also the establishment of the revolving fund are on hold, pending AG's review. Barbara hopes to have additional information 11-27-12.
- 2. Friends of UCG – Non-Profit Update:** There was discussion regarding the establishment of a separate non-profit group "Friends of UCG". Kim DeMers reporting that a board of directors would need to be established. It is \$400 to file the federal forms, and \$35 to file the Articles of Incorporation with the state. A motion was made & seconded to update the UCG bank account with an EIN number and Bylaws. The motion passed 5-0. The non-profit status will be put on hold, pending the status of the revolving fund. Bylaws were drafted and approved 5-0.
- 3. Garden Cleanup Update:** The garden assignment sheet was reviewed. Most gardens have been appropriately closed for the season. The few gardeners who still have cleanup to do have been notified.
- 4. Potluck/Seed Exchange – January Event:** Barbara will call the Senior Center to see about availability on Monday, January 7, 2013. Backup date Wed 1-9-13. An email will

be sent to gardeners, asking to bring potluck items and seeds to share. A guest list will be compiled to invite others (fire department, sponsors) as a thank you for their support.

New Business:

- 1. December 1 deadline for returning gardeners:** Most gardeners are returning. There will be 7-8 plots available in existing rows, with potential for 20 additional gardens in the 4th row.
- 2. January 1 application for new gardeners:** Applications will be available for new gardeners starting 1-1-13. Applications will be available at the Senior Center and Library, Town Hall is pending. Application deadline is March 8, 2012.
- 3. Review Application:** Applications need to be completed by new gardeners only, applications for returning gardeners are already on file. The season dates are April 20-November 2, 2013. Due date March 8, 2013. Plot size changed to 20' X 25'. Address to send a payment is pending; need to open a P.O. Box if payments won't be sent to town hall.
- 4. Review Liability Release:** No changes made.
- 5. Review Ground Rules:** Plots to be planted by July 1. Line "I will not plant perennial crops" deleted, and permanent structures changed to "I will build only structures which can be removed at the end of my tenure". Also added, "all spent plant material will be removed from my plot by the designated end of the season date", leaving out reference to fences, etc. Date for abandoning plot for refund changed to May 19, 2013.
- 6. Review Organic Gardening Guidelines:** No changes made. Gardeners will be reminded to follow guidelines. Action will be taken if guidelines not followed.
- 7. Review distribution / application process:** Applications will be available at the Senior Center and Library, Town Hall is pending. Application deadline is March 8, 2013 for new gardeners. Existing gardeners will be emailed, and asked for \$20 payment to be sent. Plots will be available for \$10 after July 1st, pending availability.
- 8. December 15 Nut Article:** A short article will be submitted announcing application availability, once the details are finalized.
- 9. Sponsor Updates:** Thank you to Wheelock Associates Architects and Blackstone Valley Limo for donations.
- 10. Sign & Tank:** The sign is leaking, Ed Mahary will fix. The water tank will not need to be covered.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.

Next UCG Meeting TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Holt

UCG Secretary

Barbara Hall

Kim DeMers

Sandy Lemire

Kris Holt

Jackie Wheelock

Chairperson _____

Vice Chair _____

Treasurer _____

Secretary _____

Member at Large _____

[Handwritten signatures: Kim DeMers, Sandy Lemire, Kristen Holt, Jackie Wheelock]