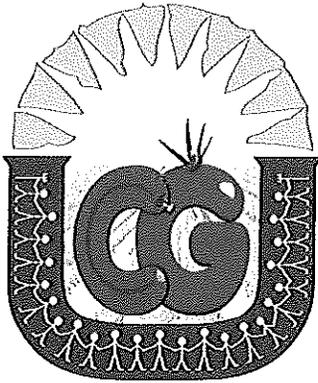


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Uxbridge Community Gardens

Posted by
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Town Clerk

September 15, 2014

Uxbridge Town Hall
21 S. Main St, Uxbridge

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Quorum: 4/5 in attendance. Kim DeMers not present.

Minutes of July 10, 2014: Kris Holt reporting. Minutes reviewed & accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Lemire reporting. Balance of \$6454.61. Treasurer's Report accepted. \$140 receipts, no disbursements. Receipt for bee hive pending.

Gardeners' Forum

There are a lot of gardens with ripe veggies. Is there a way to help pick from other gardens? Food pantry pick up to be placed on a future agenda. A note can be sent to gardeners on list saying they will help with picking.

Old Business

1. Fall Potluck (10/17) - At the senior center. An evite can be sent to gardeners. Families welcome. Appetizer, side, main dish, dessert.
2. Bee update – the hive is doing well. Both boxes have been added. Ken Warchol, the state bee inspector, recently inspected the hive.

New Business

1. Community Preservation Act – Phil Wheelock – state sponsored program funded by the Registry of Deeds. Benefits are open space acquisitions, restorations, field developments, and offsets costs for housing. Between 1-3% of residential property tax can be reimbursed by the state for open space purchases. This limits development and the resulting increases on the municipal side. The downsides, this is a tax. A community will have to adopt this at a town meeting and also a ballot.

- There is a website – google Community Preservation Act.
2. Review of the 2014 season – We will not pursue a well at this point. Maintenance has been done by garden volunteers. A letter will be sent out in October to current gardeners to see if they would like to return. Need to reply by December 1st. Payment not due until March 2015. Letter to existing gardeners reviewed. Barbara to plan several seminars for next year; ie. Planning your Garden”, “Companion Planting”, etc. with guest speakers. Mary Helfrich would like to do an information session. Gardens should be “put to bed” aka cleaned up at the end of the season. Information can also be posted on the Facebook page.
 3. Theft / surveillance – Several gardeners had vegetables taken from gardens this year. The UCG will have signs made up to try to keep people out. Barbara will speak with the police chief about security measures that we can take. Deer Cams might be an option.
 4. Dates for 2015 season – Existing gardeners need to tell us if they plan to return by December 1, 2014. NUT article needs to be submitted by December 15, 2014 for January 1 article. Applications to go out January 5, 2015 at town clerk, library, and senior center. Payment will be due Friday March 6, 2015 for existing gardeners. Opening day April 18, 2015. Plots not worked by May 17, 2015 will be considered abandoned for a full refund. Gardens must be planted by July 1 or they will be forfeited. Open house tentative August 1. End of season October 31, 2015.
 5. Review of policies & procedures (forms) for 2015 – The release is a problem being on a second page. Need to address. FAQ is on the town website. The ground rules are adequate.
 6. 2015 seed program – will discuss with Kim DeMers. A lot were distributed through the library.
 7. Timing & number of water distributions for 2015 – UCG would like to establish a more regular distribution & put out a schedule. To discuss at a future meeting.
 8. Wood chip distribution – gardeners have asked about having wood chips dumped in additional piles.
 9. Soccer fields mowed – are they using fertilizer or could gardeners use the clippings? Kris will ask UYSL / DPW.
 10. Mary Helfrich to look into having leaves dumped at the gardens.

Next UCG Meeting TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Holt
UCG Secretary

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