



Uxbridge Community Gardens

October 17, 2019
Uxbridge Town Hall
21 S. Main St, Uxbridge

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Quorum: 4/5 in attendance.

Minutes of July 23, 2019: Kris Holt reporting. Minutes read & accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Jackie Wheelock reporting. Balance as of 07/1/19 was \$12,888.56. Balance as of 10/17/19 is \$12,393.24

Kim & Jackie met with interim town accountant in July to reconcile balance.

Treasurer's report accepted.

Old Business

1. Evening in the garden review – The evening was a success. We would like to see a bigger attendance from gardeners. Discussed moving the Evening in Garden to a Saturday next year.
2. Securing entrances – The hardware will be installed on the posts to secure the entrances prior to the end of November. Kim & DPW have keys to the locks. Gates will be opened when dry in the spring.
3. Garden shed update – BOS approval was obtained to place the garden shed on the UCG plot. A suggestion was made to install a solar powered motion light. Prior funds for security measures has already been approved. Plan to ask Dave Sokolowski to level plot. Also need to have gravel spread. Barbara will let UCG know when the shed will be delivered.
4. Space available signs – Signs are still up. To be removed and replaced next spring.

New Business

1. Review of season - Wet conditions got planting off to a slow start. A suggestion was made to allow 3 plots per person, as long as there isn't a waiting list.
2. Attracting and retaining gardeners – UCG will rent a tiller in the spring for gardeners to use in the spring. Be more visible in town, set up booths at local events. Host an information session at the library in February. Enhance the mentor program. Send out gardening tips on a routine basis. Look into hosting a professional garden workshop. Possibly host social evenings in the gardens. Consider hosting a monthly garden chat at public location, such as the senior center.
3. Abandoned plots/fall cleanup – There are several abandoned plots with raised beds that will need to be cleaned out. Kim will email gardeners to clean up plots before the end of the season.
4. Gardens to open next year- last row or first row? Plan to fill in middle plots first. Will mow empty end plots.
5. Calendar for ²⁰²⁰2019 – Dec 1 returning gardeners deadline. January 1 applications open. March 4 applications due. April 18 is opening day. August 15 Evening in the gardens.
6. Review of applications, ground rules, etc. for ²⁰²⁰2019. Add change that checks only, no cash with applications. No pressure treated wood. No use of ground plastic.
7. URI seed program – To renew again. Barbara will put in an order. Brenda & Edwina will sort.
8. 12/15 NUT article for Jan 1 applications. Barbara will write the article.
9. How to spend money – table for next meeting
10. Letters mailed to all gardeners with updated ground rules as reminder, include garden dates. A motion was made, seconded and approved to cover the cost of postage and a mailing to all gardeners. To go out early 2020.
11. Bigger use of bulletin board –ideas to put on? – table for next meeting.
12. Woodchips – deliveries will stop until further notice.

Next UCG Meeting TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Holt
UCG Secretary

Kim DeMers
Dave Chaplin
Jackie Wheelock
Kris Holt
Tina Saucier

Chairperson Kim DeMers
Vice Chair Dave Chaplin
Treasurer Jackie Wheelock
Secretary Krist Holt
Member at Large Tina Saucier