

Meeting Minutes Approval Date 3-13-24

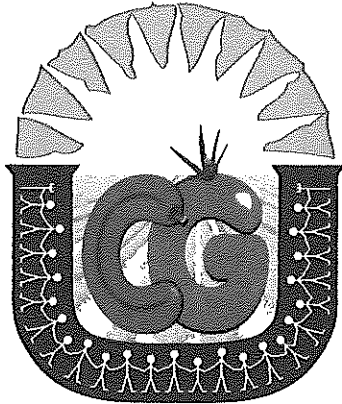
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Uxbridge Community Gardens

Board or Commission: **UXBRIDGE COMMUNITY GARDEN**
Meeting Date: **Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2023**
Meeting Location: **Lower Town Hall**

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Quorum: 5/5 in attendance

Meeting Minutes / July 25, 2023 / Deborah Cangi Reporting

-Minutes Read, Accepted, Signed

Treasurer's Report: Jessica Gelinas Reporting

-NET Balance 9/30/23 is \$4246.42.

-Treasurer's Report accepted unanimously/

Old Business

- **1. Covenant with UYSL – read**
 - Kim will file.
- **2. Alternate Payment Option Update**
 - 1st time new gardner's will follow old process. Returning gardeners can choose online. Information about the option will be sent to gardeners in an

be a feasible location for this type of accessibility.

New Business

- **1. Tilling**
 - Kim will send an email to the gardeners to see who would be interested in tilling again in Spring 2024.
- **2. New Gardeners Payment Discussion**
 - The discussion was whether or not to charge an additional fee of \$25.00 to new 1st time gardeners. This fee would only be used to cover clean up expenses if the gardener abandons their plot during the 1st year. If the gardener returns the following year, the \$25.00 would be applied to the second year application cost.
 - **Motion Tabled**
- **3. Water Off / Winterizing**
 - The UYSL will talk to town about blowing out the water lines. Kim will follow up.
 - The farmer left a big mound of dirt. Kim asked them to come back and level out the piles.
 - Compost needs work. You need a license to use the equipment to move compost. Kim will reach again to our volunteer to see if there is any interest to improving the compost design so it will work more efficiently.
 - Next year plan a fall work day.
- **4. Anything Else**
 - We need a new sign for the Community Gardens.
- **Meeting Adjourned 7:40**

Next UCG Meeting TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Cangi
UCG Secretary

email.

- Do we need town approval? Jess will reach out to accountant, Kim will reachout to Steve Sette.
- There is a convenience fee to use the service which is listed on the site.
- UCG will get login to see what is paid and a monthly report can be sent to UCG to see who has paid.
- We would need accounting codes but the impression is that will not take too long.
- **Motion to Proceed / Motion Passed Unanimously.**
- **3. Plots Available**
 - Nine available plots. Seven gardeners not returning.
- **4. Compost Delivery Fall**
 - Brett P. delivered about 10 yards of compost October 15, 2023. The cost was \$200.00. Whittier never got any inventory. Chockalog farm had availability but no delivery at \$45.00 a yard.
- **5. Dumpster Payment**
 - Kim contacted the UYSL again but we have not received a bill yet for our portion of the expense. We will revisit how much we potentially would need to use the dumpster. Also the original lock broke and was replaced with a heavier lock with key, which will be kept in the shed.
- **6. Weed Whacker**
 - A weed whacker was purchased from Koopmans. The bill was given to our Treasurer for payment. Kim will print operating directions and send to gardeners with video and also keep a copy of the directions in reference book in the shed.
- **7. Wagons/Blocks/Location**
 - The UYSL is going to use the large cement blocks in the parking lot to help direct traffic. Currently we use the blocks for the wagons and wheelbarrows storage. We will need to find a new home for these items.
 - We need new wheelbarrows. If anyone comes across one in a yard sale or knows of someone is giving away one and needs a new home, let us know.
- **8. Accessible Garden Update**
 - We are still researching details and a suitable spot in the garden. It may not