



Uxbridge Community Gardens

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March 30, 2021  
Uxbridge Town Hall  
21 S. Main St, Uxbridge

## Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** 3:00pm

**Quorum:** 4/5 in attendance

**Minutes of February 9, 2021:** Kim DeMers reporting. Minutes read & accepted

**Treasurer's Report:** Jackie Wheelock reporting. Balance as of 03/30/2021 is \$14,612.03. Approved as written.

### Old Business

1. Well status: The drilling of well has been put on hold until more soil testing is completed by the town.
2. Irrigation subcommittee: Garden members Paul Knapik, Ed Mahary and Bill Dayutis have agreed to serve on the committee. They will begin once the go ahead for the well digging has been given.
3. 10 year anniversary celebration: we will not have a subcommittee. Board will plan the day which will be similar to past events with an emphasis on the 10<sup>th</sup> year.
4. Water meters/rain gauge: Brenda will purchase at Koopmans since we have account there. If she can't get them there, we'll order on amazon.
5. Board vacancies: two gardeners have agreed to fill the 2 and 3 year positions starting in June.
6. Opening day: changed to April 10<sup>th</sup> with raindate the 11<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm due to it seems the weather will warrant earlier garden prep; new gardeners have asked to start earlier; the next week is start of April break for school so question attendance for some.
7. Garden availability/waitlist: Gardens are sold out currently with one on the waitlist. All gardens have been paid for.

### New Business

1. Hardship policy: a policy will be written to require any gardener asking for a hardship garden payment exemption to write a letter to the board asking for

- hardship payment exemption. Only one garden is allowed for a hardship request and request in writing needs to be made annually.
2. Non-Uxbridge Resident policy: A policy will be written that gardens for non-uxbridge residents will be limited to 15% of available garden plots. Each year out of town applications will be placed on a waitlist and provided a garden if available after all garden assignments after March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  3. Number of gardens allowed per gardener: A policy will be written that states a gardener can only have 2 garden plots at a time (with exception of current two gardeners who will be grandfathered with 3 plots). If a 3<sup>rd</sup> garden is requested, it may be assigned for the year if available but given up in any subsequent year if there is a waitlist for a garden plot.
  4. Pay pal use for garden payments: Discussion about offering pay pal through the town website as an electronic payment option for garden fees each season. Gardeners have started asking if an electronic payment option is available. UCG would lose ~3% handling fee for each payment. Jackie asked how we would know who paid and when. Board members would like answers to their questions before making a decision. Jackie will discuss further with Lisa Troast the town Treasurer and bring answers to the next meeting.
  5. Tiller rental date: Not decided. Discussed the last weekend of April or first weekend of May. Kim will determine if there are enough gardeners interested in using a tiller again to warrant a rental before deciding on a date. Kim will also provide gardeners with contact information for folks who will till for a fee.
  6. To do list for the gardens: Edge "Barbara's" garden at the information board; weed "Barbara's" garden and potting shed garden; mowing behind the garden shed; filling potholes with stones/gravel/grass removed from gardens/garden edges. The To do list will be updated and posted on a regular basis to encourage gardeners to assist with the community parts of the garden maintenance on their own time.
  7. BoyScout proposed project: Garden member Paul Knapik attended the meeting to ask about a Boyscout doing an Eagle Scout project for the gardens. The proposed project is to design and build a 3 bin compost system in the back section of the garden as well as clean up and organize the back area to designate areas for rocks, brush, non-compost debris etc. the project was discussed and voted 4-0 to move forward. The Scout will contact Kim to discuss needs.
  8. Shed Update from Brenda: she has purchased a motion sensor light that will be installed on top of the potting shed. She will also purchase boards to attach to the roof to reinstall the shade over the shed window.
  9. Compost delivery update: Kim will order a load of compost for delivery at the end of April.

**Next UCG Meeting TBD**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Holt  
UCG Secretary

Kim DeMers

Dave Chaplin

Jackie Wheelock

Kris Holt

Brenda Morrissette

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