

Town of Boscawen, NH
Boscawen Community Garden
Boscawen Municipal Complex

MEETING MINUTES-Draft

Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 6:50 PM

Members present: Jeff Abbe, Bill Bevans, and Ann LaCroix

March 10 minutes were approved.

Compost progress: Ann posted labels for the four compost bins 1-4. In Bin #1 coffee grounds and alfalfa pellets (nitrogen) were added to heat up the pile. However, the material was still too hard to turn over and mix. As soon as the weather warms, earthworms will be added to do their tunneling and mixing as Bin #1 will hopefully be decomposed enough for use the end of April. Bin #2 had coffee grounds, alfalfa pellets and straw to layer the new pile.

Herb garden: Ann will start basil, dill, and cilantro seed at home in early April in preparation for planting the herb garden sometime in May.

Facebook: Sara Chappelow will check Facebook for the garden applications posted. She will organize the publishing dates for the Green Thumb Gazette. Sara would like feedback from the committee as to whether the first issue of the newsletter should go out before the garden opens to gardeners on April 29, 2016.

Newsvine: The Newsvine issue was left in mailboxes March 15th. Jeff said the garden application ad will run in the April issue as well. Dee Blake is responsible for putting a copy of the Newsvine in 3,700 mailboxes. Thank you, Dee, for your dedicated service!

Bee Hotel: Elaine emailed Amy Papineau on the project. Amy said she will rebuild the bee hotel and drill some more holes for the bees. She is looking for someone to oversee the bee hotel and thought some publicity in the Gazette may find some volunteers.

Kiosk: Jeff will post emergency numbers at the kiosk when the garden gets set up in April.

Plowing: Roger Sanborn will use his team of horses to plow the field as soon as the field dries. Roger will let Elaine Clow know when his team of horses will show up for publicity purposes. Once Roger plows the field in early April, the irrigation work can begin. Best days for Jim Chappelow's crew are a couple week nights or weekend to set the irrigation posts and lines.

Irrigation System: Jeff Abbe left his emergency number with Candice and the library staff as Jeff is in charge of emergency leaks up at the garden.

Garden Plots: Jeff plotted a garden grid with 15- 24ftx24ft plots. He said there are six more plots possible if needed.

Fertilizer & Cover Crop: Ann will need the square footage of the field for ordering the number of bags of soybean meal, sul-po-mag, and buckwheat to purchase for April. Receipts will be sent to Allen Hardy for reimbursement. Ann will also need a copy of the reimbursement form for submission.

Next two April meeting dates: Thursday, April 7 and Thursday, April 21 @6:30 PM. Bill Bevans will check on room availability.

Reminder: The IPM (Integrated Pest Management) talk by Ann LaCroix is scheduled for Monday, May 2 at 6:30 PM at the Boscawen Municipal Building, 4th Floor. Gardeners must attend at least one IPM session for Town insurance requirements.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:20 PM.