

Town of Boscawen, NH
Boscawen Community Garden
Home of Jeff Abbe

MEETING MINUTES-Final

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 4:30 PM

Members present: Jeff Abbe, Elaine Clow, Jean Doherty (new member),
Angela Fellers, and Ann LaCroix (secretary)

Calendar dates for 2017 garden season: Opening day for the garden season will be Saturday, April 29. Garden clean up must occur no later than Monday, October 9 (Columbus Day weekend).

Harrowing and application of buckwheat & winter rye:

A June weekend will need to be set aside to harrow the garden perimeter and a strip of unplowed ground, and then spread 100 lbs of buckwheat for the growing season.

September 15 will be set aside to rotterill in the buckwheat (2"till) and then spread 100 lbs of winter rye green crop around the perimeter of the garden.

Updating the Garden application: Applications will be available starting Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Applications can be picked up at the Town Municipal Building Town Clerk, the 3rd Floor Library, and online at the Town of Boscawen website. Michelle handles the town website.

Updating the Garden Rules, Guidelines, and Frequently Asked Questions: All pages were updated. Angela Fellers will update pages.

Garden Talks Schedule:

IPM (integrated pest control) talk: Monday, May 1 @ 6:30 PM Town Municipal Building: MG Ann LaCroix

Herb garden talk: TBA: May @ 6:30-7:30 PM; MG Ann LaCroix & Louise Jacob

IPM Hands- on at the garden talk: TBA: July @6:30-7:30 PM : MG Ann LaCroix

New Community Garden sign for kiosk: Ann LaCroix reported that the lettering has been completed. Allan Hardy received word that the metal logo is done.

Jeff will pick up the sign, spray seal the wood with acrylic finish, attach the metal logo, and hang the new sign when the weather warms up.

New signage for advertising events: Ann LaCroix purchased with funds two four foot pine folding stands to advertise events at the garden. Using corrugated plastic signage, one stand will be placed at the entrance of Woodbury Lane and one at the garden entrance. Folks driving to the dump on Corn Hill Road will be able to read events as they happen at the garden. Plastic signage and hooks plus four concrete blocks for bracing the stands will need to be purchased. The wooden stands will also need to be sprayed with a weather sealant.

Progress on the new garden shed: Jeff reported that the Merrimack Valley High School shop class will build the garden shed over the winter months with hopes the shed will be ready for Spring.

Contribution from the Ag Commission: Elaine reported that the Ag Commission asked what it could do to help the community garden. Ann LaCroix stressed that volunteers are needed with tilling equipment to prepare the ground and till the green crops each spring (June for buckwheat) and fall (Sept for winter rye) as finding volunteers and equipment has always been a challenge.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 13 @ 6:30-7:30 PM 4th floor-Town Municipal Bldg.

Future agenda:

Town office personnel assigned to handling garden signups and applications (Elaine)

Volunteers to help with water lines and plot lay out (Jeff)

Discussion of a basic garden guide for new gardeners (Ann LaCroix) ; Update: garden shed (Jeff)