

Town of Boscawen, NH

Boscawen Community Garden

Boscawen Municipal Complex 4th Floor

MEETING MINUTES- FINAL

Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Members present: Jeff Abbe, Elaine Clow, Angela Fells, and Ann LaCroix (secretary)

March 14 minutes were approved.

Garden shed:

6'x6' lumber from National Lumber was delivered to MVHS for shed construction to begin by the shop class. National Lumber donated four sheets of wood flooring and gave a 10% discount on materials. Jeff submitted a reimbursement for \$129 in screws and bolts. Total bill was \$1,113.00. Coldbrook Sand & Gravel will donate the gravel for the foundation. Some gravel should be left over to add to the gravel ramp at the herb garden. Jeff discussed a proposed level site on high ground for the shed closest to the area of the compost bins: TBA The garden shed will be built, disassembled and reassembled on the proposed site. Volunteers will be needed to stain the shed. Jeff will check with National Lumber as to any surplus stains available (possibly 5 gallons needed).

Application/signage:

Applications are available to pick up at the library, town clerk, and on the town website. Submit applications to Katie Phelps, 4th Floor of Boscawen Municipal Complex. If any questions, call 753-9188 x321. Jeff will place the sign panel up near the wildflower garden ASAP when the sign letters are completed via Alan Hardy. Gardeners have been given the choice to retain or change their plot location this year.

Sign will read: **Boscawen Community Garden**

Plots Available Now

753-9188 x321

Date for setting piping, plot lines, and water:

Angela will send out an important email to all new and returning gardeners to volunteer their time for set up of the garden plots, scheduled for **10AM Sat,, April 22** (Rain date 10 am Sun, April 23). Jeff said he has plenty of tools; just bring themselves and gloves. Garden plots will open for the season **Saturday, April 29**.

Harrowing perimeter of garden; seeding of buckwheat:

Jeff will talk with Josh Marshall and Thom Giovagnoli from the Ag Commission as to when they can harrow the garden perimeter in preparation for buckwheat in early June.

Soil Sampling for 2017:

Ann will collect several corner and central area plot soil samples to combine and send to UNH, preferably before the harrowing is done to assess the pH and nutrient levels. Soil samples will take about two weeks for return. Ann will send results to the garden committee and email gardeners for suggestions on what nutrients to add to their plots in April. Ann will work on a garden guide handout for new gardeners.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 18th at 6 PM

Future agenda: progress of applications and plot assignments; volunteers coming for work day;

Garden shed progress; harrowing schedule; garden guide; soil sampling results