

BOSCAWEN AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
Garden Committee
February 18, 2016 @6:00 to 7:30pm
Town Office
Fourth Floor Meeting Room

Open and attendee introductions: John Keegan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: John Keegan, Ann Lacroix, Elaine Clow, Sarah Chappelow, Jim Chappelow, Jeff Abbe, Angela Fellers

Purpose: John Keegan will be undergoing treatment for medical issues over the next several months, and the purpose of the meeting is to determine who will be responsible for various tasks at the Community Garden for the 2016 meeting, as well as to figure out timing.

Review and discussion of 2015 season lessons learned: water training for turnoff for all, do we need to harrow twice a year re: soil structure? (Elaine to check with Amy); opening garden on April 29th, closing on Sept. 26th for fall. Winter rye for green crop in fall; oats for green crop in spring. Also buckwheat was planted last fall.

Review and update of task areas:

1. **Liaison with outside people and groups:** Elaine Clow (elaine.clow@gmail.com) will provide liaison with the Extension Office; Dean Hollins, Works Dept; Doug Cygan, Dept Ag, Mkts, Food; and Prescott Towle, licensed applicator; P-B Water Precinct; John Porter, and others as required regarding community garden issues. Speak to Elaine regarding arrangements for Twilight Talks at the Garden and First Monday presentations at the 4th Floor Meeting Room. Ann will be doing the mandatory IPM for gardeners on the First Monday talk in May
2. **Volunteer Records** – Tracking volunteer time – suspend for this year – or provide a ‘self-report’ sheet on the kiosk at the Community Garden for individuals to track their own time. (volunteer time is counted for grants and other purposes)
3. **Food for Food Pantries:** Rhoda Hardy (rhodahardy@tds.net) and/or Tina Larochelle (nhwildflower@tds.net) will take surplus; NOT potatoes, carrots, onions, squash, pumpkins, DO NEED legumes – green beans, peas, etc. for “Plant a Row for the Hungry.”
4. **Gardener Education:** Ann Lacroix (alacroix@comcast.net), Sarah Chappelow (sarah.chappelow@gmail.com; (both Master Gardeners); Elaine Clow (elaine.clow@gmail.com)
5. **Liaison with Roger Sanborn (rsanborn796@gmail.com):** Elaine Clow – maybe Frank Laro (aunit06@comcast.net) and/or Jeff Abbe (mgdurango@comcast.net) as point people also for Roger? John Keegan (peoresnada@tds.net) to contact Charlie Jaworski to plant green crop after tilling (sunriseknol@aol.com) Note: Charlie is willing to pitch in at the garden, but does not want to be involved in formal meetings

6. **Newsletter:** Sarah Chappelow (sarah.chappelow@gmail.com) Green Thumb Gazette, Facebook, and the town website? We need to build circulation (ongoing since inception). Any and all topics related to gardening welcome from everyone – please send them to Sarah
7. **Herb Garden:** Ann Lacroix (alacroix@comcast.net) and Louise Jacob(norphan12@aol.com) Josh Marshall (editor@nhfarmbureau.org) Elaine Clow; also outreach (from all) for herb talks, IPM, other garden clubs and publicity for garden events
8. **Compost:** Ann Lacroix (alacroix@comcast.net) and Jeff Abbe (mgdurango@comcast.net) will be in charge of compost. John Keegan will contact Dean about plowing and keeping access to the compost bins open until spring. John K contacted dean on Feb 19, and Dean agreed to do so.
9. **Soil test results/follow-up:** Ann Lacroix, (alacroix@comcast.net) Amy Papineau (Amy.Papineau@unh.edu), Angela Swyers, and Angela Fellers will be handling the garden soil modifications
10. **Pollinators:** Elaine, Amy Papineau (Elaine to talk to Amy about bee hotel, adding flowers to wildflower garden and perhaps set up a twilight talk or Saturday work day. Note: Stay away from where native pollinators are thriving near the Woodbury Lane and Corn Hill Road intersection to avoid compaction
11. **Invasives & Poison Ivy:** Prescott Towle and Doug Cygan via Elaine. Chips and black plastic are to remain in place for the third season
12. **Garden Layout:** Angela Swyers (pschulte77@yahoo.com) (Angela Fellers (afellstone@gmail.com) and Jeff Abbe (mgdurango@comcast.net) Sarah Chappelow (sarah.chappelow@gmail.com) and Jim Chappelow (JimChappelow@gmail.com) (and their Vikings). (4 foot walkways)
13. **Record Keeping:** Rotating for notes taken, depending on who's there. Need date, people present, decisions made, actions taken, plus anything important; then circulated to the members of the group and filed in master book in 4th floor meeting room
14. **Irrigation System:** Angela Swyers (pschulte77@yahoo.com), and Jeff Abbe (mgdurango@comcast.net) will lead the this activity, with assistance from Angela Fellers (afellstone@gmail.com) , Sarah Chappelow, (sarah.chappelow@gmail.com) Jim Chappelow (JimChappelow@gmail.com) and others. Pipes buried at 5" this year . The garden location will be rotated to the North end where buckwheat cover crop grew last year.
15. **Application Packet & Gardener correspondence** – to be worked on next meeting, everyone please work on it prior to the meeting and come with specific editorial changes
16. **Signage** – to be investigated further – Ann has ideas; also Angela Swyers has been working on signage (pschulte77@yahoo.com)
17. Weekly maintenance Frank Laro, Tom Danko (fgdtd20@gmail.com) , Jeff Abbe,
18. Day-to-Day trouble shooting: names and contact information will be posted on the kiosk at the garden
19. **Harvest** supper get together: Jeff Abbee was in agreement to host the supper at his home as last year.

Prioritization and leadership: will be discussed again later

Next meeting date and time: February 25, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m. 4th Floor Meeting Room

Notes taken by Elaine Clow