

Boscawen Agricultural Commission

Garden Committee

Meeting of **April 16, 2015 @ 5:30 to 7:30 PM**

Town Office 4th Floor Meeting Room (5:30 to 6:00 & Community Garden 6:00 to 7:30pm)

Attendees: Ann LaCroix, Sarah Chappelow, Tom Danko, Betsy Fazio, Elaine Clow, and John Keegan

Minutes: April 2nd minutes not available no action.

Follow-up on outstanding action items 5:30 to 6:00:

Newsletter: See attached worksheet for the May 5th edition and who is responsible for what. Again, lots of positive feedback for Sarah. One suggestions that there be explanations for each picture.

Signs and Kiosk: John reported Angela has met with Peter Satterfield to review final details and that the AgComm approved up to \$450 from their budget for the kiosk. Angela had also made contact with Prison Industries and finalized the details for the herb garden and Community garden signs.

Education: John has emailed Amy Papineau to ask that Cindy Saka deliver the IPM class in May. The main audience for this program is the community gardeners, that said, it is open to anyone else interested in the topic. This would be the class at the town offices, hopefully on May 11th @6:30pm. This request is pending. Once confirmed Sarah will include the announcement in the newsletter. The regularly scheduled 'First Monday' program, 'Buying and Producing Good Quality Hay' will be done by John Porter on May 4th. The April 25th program buy Amy Papineau, 'Give Bees a Home' is a Cooperative Extension Program at the perennial garden near the community garden.

Work Session at the community garden (6:00 to 7:30)

There were three objectives for this work session:

- To show committee members where the garden supplies are stored at the Public Works Offices.
- To locate and lay-out the perimeter of the community garden. The garden is 80' X 136'. The starting point is along the Woodbury Lane side of the garden and extends 136'. Using this as a base, four square corners were laid out using a '3,4, 5' triangle around the perimeter. Metal fence posts were driven at each corner. John reviewed the next steps with those present stressing the need to work in teams and to work from the same end when measuring for the plots while keeping the measuring tapes tight corner to corner.
- To locate the herb garden. This was deferred to the next work session.

Because the date of the draft horse demonstration is still pending the work session was set for April 30th but subject to change based on the information Roger Sanborn will share with John or Elaine.

Next meeting: April 30th @5:30 to 7:30pm at the community garden.