

**Town of Boscawen, NH**  
**BOSCAWEN AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**  
**Garden Committee**  
**Boscawen Municipal Complex**

FINAL MEETING MINUTES  
March 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Members present: Jeff Abbee, Bill Bevans, Elaine Clow, John Keegan, and Ann LaCroix

**Compost progress:** Ann LaCroix will label the four compost bins 1-4 to inform gardeners of which bin of compost is ready for spring use. The compost bins were built in 2015 and therefore have not had the time period to produce a large amount of compost. However, Bin # 1 will be ready for this year's use by gardeners. Gardeners are encouraged to use compost directly within a row or hole when planting rather than scattering throughout the plot to discourage unnecessary weed growth. No new material should be added to bin #1.

Bin #2 is being processed and a list of possible additives are tacked to the front of the pallet door. Starbuck's Coffee in Concord has been contributing coffee grounds which have been added to both bins #1 and #2 providing a rich source of nitrogen. Leaves provide a great source of potassium which helps improve the soil. Gardeners are encouraged to bring up any leaves they rake this spring to throw in bin #4 along with any untreated lawn clippings which will provide resources for future composting.

Bin #3 is aged manure which can be used if desired as we have a good amount of it. Bin #4 is the remains of wood chips at the moment for the herb garden.

**Herb Garden:** Ann LaCroix and Louise Jacobs will continue managing this year's herb garden to amend soil, plant new annual herbs, and have twilight herb talks. Gardeners are encouraged to attend at least one herb garden talk (TBA) to gain knowledge of planting, harvesting, drying, and utilizing herbs for culinary use. Favorite recipes using herbs are always welcome to be shared and will be listed in the newsletter, The Green Thumb Gazette. Ann talked to Amy Papineau about using the teaching herb garden for herb talks by adjacent towns. Amy and Elaine Clow will be the educational resource contacts.

**Facebook:** Communication will be handled by Angela Fellers and Sarah Chappelow.

**Bee Hotel:** The bee hotel is falling apart and will need rebuilding. Contact Amy Papineau, project coordinator UNH Cooperative Extension @ 796-2151.

**Garden Kiosk:** Jeff Abbee (cell: 856-3298) will post emergency contact numbers on the kiosk for water leaks and food bank drop offs. Jeff will prep gardeners on how to turn the water off should a water leak occur.

**Food Bank Contacts:** Rhoda 344-5902, the food bank located beside the Congregational Church on 12 High Street in Boscawen. A second contact is Tina LaRochelle 796-2654, for Plant a Row for the Hungry Food Bank in Manchester. Desired produce may be snap beans, peas, cucumbers, eggplant, kale, chard, or spinach.

**Cover Crop and Fertilizers:** Roger Sanborn will need to be contacted to do a light till in the area in early April which will follow Amy's soil recommendations for application of fertilizer and cover cropping with buckwheat. Charlie Jaworski will do the broadcast fertilizing and seeding. Soybean meal and 0-0-22 sul-po-mag fertilizers will provide nitrogen and potassium recommended from the last year's soil test results.

**Plot Sign-Ups and Irrigation inventory:** Jeff called all last year's gardeners and will contact any new gardeners to assign plots for this year. Jeff will post an ad in the Newsvine and in adjoining towns such as Salisbury or Webster to encourage new gardeners to sign up as he said plots are only 50% filled. Newsvine contact is Dee Lake or Candace Haithwaite 753-9188 ex 301, Boscawen Town Office. Jeff will do an irrigation inventory for purchase of any additional materials for extension of the water lines. He will obtain a 250' roll of pipe from National Lumber in Boscawen; posts are 4x4x10 cut in half from Colby Lumber. Best to take along a fitting to Home Depot to replace. Early to mid -April is the projected time to gather volunteers to install the water lines after Roger tills for an earlier opening of April 29 so cold crops can be transplanted. Angela Swyers and Jim Chappelow will provide some volunteer help when the time comes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM with communication updates by email. Next meeting will be Thursday, March 24, 2016 @ 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann LaCroix