

Holden Community Garden Committee Minutes

January 12, 2016

MISSION STATEMENT:

TO EDUCATE AND EMPOWER PEOPLE OF ALL AGES & DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS BY CREATING A CENTRAL PLACE OF WELLNESS WHERE ANYONE OR EVERYONE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP OR ENHANCE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE NUTRITIONAL VALUE OF LOCAL ORGANIC FOOD, THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, AND RECONNECTING WITH NATURE ALL WHILE RECAPTURING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

***ATTENDANCE:** JESSICA BADER, STEPHANIE GOODWIN, TANYA LEWIS, JESSICA COSENZA*

***NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** ANTHONY RENZONI, EILEEN CHARBONNEAU, JOANNE O'BRIEN, TODD MILLER*

Minutes approved for Nov.10th and 24th

Minutes for Dec 8 approved as revised for typos.

DISCUSSED:

- Final grant update 30 supporters
\$1,270 raised, initial 400
- Creamer Update:
- Meeting scheduled with Kent Tree and Landscape and Elliot Tree scheduled next week to assess poison ivy.
- Discussed goats with AgComm member Steve Aquilla who's experience was similar to a dog run. Will need to explore options, as this will not be possible at Creamer, due to the surrounding trees.
- Stephanie will follow up on goats with Eileen or Joanne.
- Dale Perkins great resource for goats.
- Davis Hill Update: DPW cleared the site & spread chips. Final rough measurement is 60x44 feet.
- Jessica B. & Jessica C. met with Davis Hill on 12/23 Principal Norton, Assistant Principal Berthiaume and 5th grade teacher Mrs. Riedle.
- Davis Hill preference is to see 6 beds, 1 p/grade
- Shared the ideas from Davis Hill and discussed other options.
- Committee encouraged to begin CORI process now if they intend to be involved in Davis Hill site during school hours. CORI can be rcv'd through Jefferson Dist. or online at WRSD.net
- Davis Hill after school, winter enrichment program by Jessica
Consent is 2/10 & 2/24, 3/9 & 3/23.
20 children registered for 1 hour after school. Coried members welcome to volunteer and assist.
- Jess B. & Jess C. have a talk scheduled with local daisy troop next week.
- Jess B. has reached out to senior center & waiting for connection to get senior population involved.
- Ag com meeting: very helpful, Dale Perkins from Moesa farm in Rutland great resources, Suggested a wishlist for needs of garden that can be posted to AGcom's Facebook page and HCGC's page.
- Wishlist: shovels, hand tools, seeds, clean soil, organic screen loom, mulch, pete moss, organic fertilizer.
- Fundraising addressing at later time.
- Funds raised through seed money geared towards Davis Hill.

Meeting adjourned: 8:40pm