

HOLDEN COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 10, 2019

Mission Statement:

The Holden Community Garden Committee is a volunteer organization working to provide and support Holden residents, individually and collectively, to grow food, flowers, fruits, and herbs on town land including the redeveloped property on Highland Street. Our efforts will enable residents to enjoy the beauty of our town while developing a sense of community through cooperative action, learning about sustainable and environmentally conscious gardening as well as ethical harvesting.

The Holden Community Garden Committee also exists to foster the education of the children of Holden through the support of community gardens in local schools and community groups. These gardens will help to develop the appreciation of future generations for the importance of agriculture and responsible environmental practices, and provide education and positive experiences through gardening and physical activity.

In Attendance: Marcia Hastbacka, Chair: Members: Jessica Cosenza, Gina Tutela, Mike Trigiano, Julie McCarthy

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

AGENDA:

Minutes of May 13, 2019

MOTION #1:

To approve 5-13-19 HCG Minutes

Voted and Approved

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Sarah Edmonstone has resigned from the Committee due to her moving out of Holden. She will need to officially send a letter of resignation and Marcia will follow-up. We can now have 2 more Holden residents to serve on the committee and members were asked to recruit interested parties.

APPLICATIONS UPDATE

We have room for more gardeners as several plots are still available. Marcia will bring some applications to the Senior Center as well as contact the Landmark to ask if a notice can be placed in the Landmark that plots are still available.

DPW UPDATE

The DPW has dropped of 2 truckloads of wood chips to be spread among the rows to keep the weeds down. They have also limed the area. There will be a workday on the 17th to spread some of the chips.

FISKARS ORANGE PROJECT

It was noted that we still have not received the tools and gift card from Fiskars. Jess will try to contact the main office to find out the delay.

DAVIS HILL UPDATE – JESS COSENZA

The 5th and 1st grades teams have planted their plots.

Mass Ag In the Classroom is awarding a grant to fund a garden literacy library for grades K-3. The first installment will be ready for the beginning of the school year, and the funding will be completed by early 2020.

The staff has installed the banner and bird bath. We are planning more signage to education students and families about the educational projects being demonstrated,

A watering team will be taking care of the garden this semester.

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OLD BUSINESS

A brief discussion ensued about our participation in Holden Days. Since we have not had much response in recruiting interested parties or new members, we decided not to have a booth this coming year. The Girl Scouts will have a booth and some of our posters and materials can be used in their booth.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Next meeting will be Monday, July 15, 2019 at 7:00 in the Starbark Building.

