

# HOLDEN COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE

February 26, 2020

## 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 M

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: Katye Brier, Jessica Cosenza, Mike Trigiano, Gina Tutela

Absent: Julie McCarthy

Guest: Mike Kendrick

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

## AGENDA

The minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting was reviewed.

### Motion #1

**To approve the 1-15-20 HCG Minutes**

**Voted and Approved.**

## Discussion of Raised Beds/Tables:

Mike Kendrick (community volunteer) was present to discuss the proposal for a table design which will be built to offer raised beds on site. The table dimensions will be approximately 3 ftx8 ft. The materials will be a cedar or similar natural/food safe wood inner lining, surrounded by a frame of pressure treated wood. Height will be determined on site after beds are built in Mike's home workshop. He has building experience as well as contacts within the community who can provide guidance and suggestions to help with necessary accommodations and modifications. The committee members were in agreement with his plans and he was provided with the Visa Gift Card that was provided through the Fiskars Grant for this project.

## Holden Community Garden Applications:

Discussed changes proposed to the application: (1) remove Jessica's contact information and have all applications delivered to the Town Manager's office, (2) change the wording on the request for raised beds to "because I require modifications" instead of using the term "physically challenged", (3) under ground rules, remove the word "significant" describing physical limitations. Katye to work on a new logo.

## Storage Shed

Marcia reported that the combo lock is now in place on the shed and garden tools have been moved in, as well as display materials that are used for promotional events. There are organizational pieces available inside the shed which will need to be arranged in the near future.

## Proposed Budget for FY20-21- follow up

Marcia sent in the proposed budget to the DPW after the last meeting. Awaiting approval.

## Update on Eagle Scout Sign-off

Brett J. met with Jess and was able to have the project signed off.

**Update on Davis Hill**

Jess shared the meeting notes from the DH meeting on 1/27 (see attached). Next meeting March 2 @8:15 AM.

**Change of Chairman**

Marcia confirmed her announcement that she will no longer serve on the committee as she has sold her Holden home. The committee members voted to elect Jessica Cosenza as the new Chairman, and she accepted. There was a discussion about responsibilities of the Chairman as well as reassignment of roles within the committee. Gina and Katye will discuss the role of the Davis Hill liason and Jess will remain active in meetings and activities to support that role. Mike will be responsible for obtaining the key from the Starbard Building, or notify Gina or Katye if he needs an alternate on the day of the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Starbard Building.