



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE EASTHAMPTON CITY CLERK

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| BOARD/COMMITTEE: | | Community Garden Committee | |
| DATE: | Thursday, March 2nd, 2023 | TIME: | 7 p.m. |

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| BUILDING & ROOM: | Meeting ID meet.google.com/ahj-ozha-gkd Join by phone (US) +1 585-495-2243 PIN: 418095644 |
| Clerk or board member: | Stephen M. Linsky |

All meeting notices must be filed and time stamped in the City Clerk's Office no later than 3 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the week in which the meeting is scheduled.

LIST OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

(Agenda)

- Call to Order 7:00 PM
- Chair's Comment
- Public Comment
- Acceptance of Minutes
- Treasurer's report and endorsement of purchase order(s)
- Operations report
- Outreach report
- Donation Garden report
- Pollinator report
- Gardener feedback
- Old/continuing business
 - 2023 Gardener Application finalization
- New business
 - New meeting structure
- Confirmation of Next Meeting Date
- Adjournment

MINUTES

RECORDING: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_pPxsMOgHs

(present: E. Ciocca, F. Johnson, M. Leonas, S. King, K. Szumowski, T. Stock, M. Phillips, S. Linsky, D. Friedman)

- Call to Order: 7:07 PM
- Public Comment – Luke Doubleday – interested in having a plot with his wife
- Acceptance of Minutes – adopted unanimously as amended by K. Szumowski (reflecting that the wood that was considered for the pollinator garden was ‘untreated’ rather than ‘treated’). K. Szumowski – moved as amended, M. Phillips – seconded - adopted
- Treasurer's report (T. Stock) – submitted revised report reflecting payment to Broadbrook to decommission irrigation but not receipt of one gardener payment. Opened purchase order with Fleury Lumber and one has been opened with Tractor Supply (to get hoses, etc..) M. Leonas – moved, F. Johnson – seconded – adopted unanimously.

- Operations report (F. Johnson) Will get new hoses (could be recycled?). Lawnmower will get tuned within the next month. With Olivia Burke not returning to D-2 and if S. Greenleaf moving to D-6 that quadrant could now be shut down and cleared of thistle. Need to assemble work party and get and lay cardboard (maybe from the Community Center). Will inspect mid-late April looking for baby thistle. Recent delivery of wood mulch.
- Outreach (internal) (M. Phillips) Depending on whether we use C-12, have 5 ½ open (D-5, D-7, B-8 (1/2), B-10, B-12). About 8 gardeners haven't responded but 2 gardeners sent in old application as a renewal. Set April 3rd as deadline to submit applications.
- Outreach (external) (E. Ciocca) No update.
- Donation garden (M. Leonas) – Linnea not available for meeting – need to check with her to see if she will help run the donation garden. Will hold off but need to act soon.
- Pollinator garden (K. Szumowski) – needs to know where the new beds are going to be – will check now at Fleury Lumber.
- Gardener feedback – (D. Friedman) Will set up spreadsheet that will include all the garden tasks that gardeners can fill out to sign up for service hours. Will track and generate a report but will not attend meetings.
- New business

Draft 2023 garden application (S. King). Accepted suggestions offered by F. Johnson, M. Phillips. Further discussed clarifying that the garden is reserved for Easthampton residents. Also need further clarification of job and officer descriptions, including defining responsibilities and clarifying communications. Unanimously adopted that the 2023 application that will be sent out to gardeners (w/April 3rd deadline) and the city clerk will include the same fee as the past year(s).

Noted that additional fundraising may be required for additional projects with the same fee remains and if the plot quadrant overrun by thistle is set aside. (T. Stock)

Next meeting (April 6th, 2023). Reviewed form of meetings going forward. Will check with city clerk's office whether we will need to meet in-person and, if so, whether we can get use of large conference room on 2nd floor that we have used previously.

- Adjourned (9:41 PM)