



## PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

### OFFICE OF THE EASTHAMPTON CITY CLERK

TIME STAMP:

<b>BOARD/COMMITTEE:</b>		<b>Community Garden Committee</b>	
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Thursday, April 6th, 2023</b>	<b>TIME:</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>

<b>BUILDING &amp; ROOM:</b>	<p>Join by phone</p> <p><a href="#">Join with Google Meet</a></p> <p>Meeting link <a href="https://meet.google.com/ahj-ozha-gkd">meet.google.com/ahj-ozha-gkd</a></p> <p>Join by phone (US) <a href="tel:+15854952243">+1 585-495-2243</a> PIN: 418095644</p> <p><a href="#">More phone numbers</a></p>
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<b>Clerk or board member:</b>	<b>Stephen M. Linsky</b>
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**no later than 3 p.m.** on the Thursday prior to the week in which the meeting is scheduled.

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## **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
  - Plot map, updated contact list, etc... based on new applicants
  - Discuss committee member responsibilities
  - Update on future meetings, in-person or virtual
  - New picnic table and raised beds
- New business
  - Confirm opening work date
- Confirmation of Next Meeting Date
- Adjournment

## MINUTES

RECORDING: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mr8uYK5pRhU>

(present: E. Ciocca, F. Johnson, M. Leonas, S. King, L. Lagerstrom, K. Szumowski, T. Stock, M. Phillips, S. Linsky, C. Kravits, L. McCarthy, N. Doubleday)

- Call to Order: 7:10 PM
- Public Comment – none
- Acceptance of Minutes – adopted unanimously as amended (to include C. Kravits and L. McCarthy as attendees) T. Stock – moved as amended, C. Kravits– seconded
- Treasurer’s report (T. Stock) – revenue so far from returning gardeners is \$380.00 – well below totals from last year. Opened an account at Lowe’s – seeking approval to open a purchase order at Lowe’s in his name for up to \$300.00 to purchase wood for parking lot, picnic table and pollinator garden. Motion to approve purchase order approved unanimously – T. Stock – moved, S. King (seconded).
- Operations report (F. Johnson) Got in touch w/ Fleury. No outstanding balance. Will be bringing lawnmower and weed trimmers before next meeting in May. Will go hose hunting (w/ M. Leonas). Will do a ‘micro’ inspection for thistle. Need to decide opening date and for water to be turned on by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Will need work party to address thistle.

Compost (M. Leonas) 4 Seasons has been our vendor. Will check with them tomorrow re: price/availability. Usually orders 10 yards. Will need to receive orders and payment to assess how much to order. Will run it on a ‘first-come/first-served’ basis. S. King noted donation garden and pollinator garden will need compost. (F. Johnson will verify how many buckets equal ½ yard.)

- Outreach (internal) (M. Phillips) 3 new gardeners have plots, with another for Ted’s ½ plot. Her son is in C-7. 5 gardeners on waiting list ready to be offered 5 open plots, leaving an additional 3-4 on waiting list (A-10, A-12, B-5, B-12). Will send updated garden map. D. Friedman offered to check on applications at city hall. T. Stock can forward Deb the garden applications.
- Outreach (external) (E. Ciocca) Having difficulty logging in to Google site.
- Donation garden (L. Lagerstrom) –Organized some seeds to make some starts. Collecting cardboard. Thinking of growing a couple of different types of kale, along with tomatoes, swiss chard, herbs, greens, garlic (50 head were planted last year). Will bring micro-green seeds to opening. Will try to assemble more volunteers.

- Pollinator garden (K. Szumowski) – planned beds last year – 8 foot long boards (for 8’ x 4’ beds) needs at least 23 8’ boards (24 would be better) and screws. Got some gardening books for a lending library including seeds in shed or other space outside of shed.
- Old/Continuing business

Opening date. S. Linsky suggested May 6th so that we can hold an organizational meeting. F. Johnson, M. Leonas suggested April 29<sup>th</sup>. C. Kravits thinks there will be too many weeds if not opened much earlier. S. King moved April 22<sup>nd</sup> for opening date – 9 AM – 3 PM. – approved.

S. Linsky – newly approved legislation will allow virtual meetings into 2025. City will still be using Google Meets for the time being, not Zoom. Won’t be around on April 22<sup>nd</sup> but will leave shed keys to S. King.

No new business. (could table at April 23<sup>rd</sup> youth event at Arcadia for publicity/new members).  
K. Szumowski will attend

Next meeting (May 4th, 2023, 7 pm.) Mandatory meeting.

- Adjourned (8:27 PM)