

Stoney Brook Community Farm & Garden Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

March 18, 2021

Members Present

V. Bolcar-Navarro
D. Brennan
R. Hinck
A. Kraynak
J. La Luna
D. Leo
T. Swala

A. Liaison Francioli called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Liaison Francioli said that D. Kitchell is no longer chairperson of the Stoneybrook Farm & Garden Committee. Liaison Francioli asked Member Bolcar-Navarro if she would accept to be Chairperson of the Stoneybrook Farm & Garden Committee. Member Bolcar -Navarro accepted to be chairperson.

B. Committee Assignments

a. Valerie Bolcar-Navarro	Chairperson
b. Ann Kraynak	Recording Secretary
c. Aaron Wasserman	BOE representative
d. Treasurer	Open
e. Bob Hinck	Garden Manager
f. Joan La Luna	Member
g. Theresa Swala	Member
h. Ron Francioli	Township Committee
i. Denise Brennan (staff)	Supt. of Recreation
j. Brian Foran	Supt. of DPW
k. Dave Leo	Township Engineer

C. Financial Report

a. \$7,700.00	Garden Grant
b. \$3,725.00	Collected in 2021
c. \$1,475.00	Reserve
\$12,900.00	

Member Brennan said that 59 garden spots are taken and there are 41 gardeners. Member Brennan said this is our best year.

D. Maintenance and Upkeep

a. Wood for borders – Member Hinck said that the gardeners are requesting more wood for the borders. Member Brennan asked how many should be ordered?

- b. Waste removal – Member Hinck said that we have to get rid of the compost pile.
 - c. Barriers under drive gates – Member Hinck suggested to install cement and 4x4 timber.
 - d. Water spigots/outlets – Member Hinck said that the water does not go on at all at the garden. Member Brennan said maybe there frozen.
 - e. Water Barrels – Member Hinck said another cinder block is needed to make it easier to get the water from the barrel.
 - f. First Aid Kit – Member Brennan said that a real First Aid Kit will be at the garden.
 - g. Sanitizer – Member Brennan said hand sanitizer will be in the shed.
 - h. Mulch/screened topsoil delivery – Member Hinck said that 3-4 yards is needed of screened topsoil. Member Hinck said that there are plenty of wood chips.
 - i. Raised planters – Member Hinck said that raised planters not handicap would be useful at the garden.
- E. **Marijuana/Hemp/Cannabis** – Member Hinck was asked if Hemp can be grown at the garden. Liaison Francioli said that he is getting a legal opinion on it but he said that it is municipal property and the answer is no.
- F. **Garden Member Meeting** – All members discussed a possible date for the meeting and to schedule it before April 20, the week of April 12 at 7pm. Chairman Bolcar-Navarro said it will be a general welcome back.

G. Other

Whippanong Library Program – Member Swala said the library is having a program on Tuesday, April 20, at 7pm via Zoom about a “Master Gardener Raised Garden Beds”.

Shred Day Event – Secretary Kraynak said the Environmental Commission/Green Team is having a Shred Day Event on Saturday, April 24, and are giving away tote bags. The Environmental Commission gives out approximately 200 bags at the event. Secretary Kraynak asked if the committee would like to have flyers put into the bags. Member Brennan said she would get some items for the bags.

Adjourn - Liaison Francioli adjourned the meeting at 10:47 am. All members agreed.

H. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 15, 2021