

NHS GREENHOUSE STEWARDS MEETING

December 8, 2015

3:00 Office Conference room

In attendance:

Richard Boardman, Brenda Eaves, Tracy Griffenhagen, Bob Hamilton, Carolyn Kelly, Victoria Kilroy, Rachel Robie.

Meeting:

The November meeting minutes were read, amended and approved.

The NHS Greenhouse Stewards were joined by Margaret Schoenberger from the Little Boar's Head Garden Club. This year marks their 100th anniversary. To honor this milestone, Ms. Schoenberger proposed a project in partnership with one of the grades. A suggestion was made to start some late blooming plants in the greenhouse, transplant them into the Rye garden and notate the students' project with a sign.

Brenda Eaves suggested that Mark McFarlin's fourth grade class might like to be a part of this project, and offered to speak with him.

It was suggested that Wendy Crowley may also be interested in participating.

Rachel Robie was able to procure a donation of ten large buckets from Home Depot/North Hampton to be used for the tomato growing project. She is waiting to hear from Lowe's/Greenland after submitting a letter requesting a donation in kind of buckets from them as well.

Victoria Kilroy suggested asking for a donation of gravel for the bottom of the tomato buckets.

Tracy Griffenhagen and Mark McFarlin have made contact with some teachers in Seabrook who are very interested in coming to NHS to observe the greenhouse/garden and partner with some of the grades. The third grade class from Seabrook will be working with our fourth grade class and Seabrook's fifth grade students will be partnering with Wendy Crowley's class.

The lines will be shut off for the greenhouse on December 11. Aside from the hoop houses, John Gamache would like to minimize foot traffic in the greenhouse.

Update on Committee membership:

Mike Caron will be stepping away from the NHS Greenhouse Stewards. He has stated that he is very excited about the progress that has been made regarding the greenhouse.

Richard Boardman has decided to wait until after the new year to actively pursue hiring a manager for the greenhouse.

The next meeting of the NHS Greenhouse Stewards is January 12, 2016