

NHS Greenhouse Stewards Meeting

Tuesday, February 8, 2016

3:00pm Office Conference Room

In attendance: Alison Boudreau, Brenda Eaves, Tracy Griffenhagen, Bob Hamilton, Carolyn Kelly, Rachel Robie, Margaret Schoenberger

The January meeting minutes were read and approved.

Greenhouse Maintenance and Supplies

- Bob shared that we need 2 more grow lights in the greenhouse. Each light costs \$800 and can be ordered from Amazon. It was suggested that the money could come from the facilities budget or a grant.
- Rachel emailed John Gamache regarding the necessary repair to the polycarbonate on the corner of the greenhouse (to the right of the entrance). Bob offered to take charge of that repair. It was discussed that Rimol should be contacted.
- Bob and Brenda explained that every spring we will need to purchase the materials necessary to make the soil mixture used for the growing projects. The cost for the peat, vermiculite and compost needed for this mixture is \$300.

Square Foot Garden Update

- Brenda and Bob have the seeds and third grade is ready to begin planting.

8th Grade Tomato Planting

- Carolyn reached out to Home Depot in Seabrook and they generously donated 10 white 5 gallon buckets. We now have 30 of the 50 buckets needed for the tomato growing project. Carolyn volunteered to contact Lowe's in Seabrook, Bob will contact Home Depot in Portsmouth, Rachel will reach out to Wicked Awesome Paint in Hampton and Brenda will investigate the cost of 5 gallon fiber pots.
- Tracy suggested that we might consider other ways to obtain the buckets each year - ask parents or the North Hampton recycling center to donate used buckets. She also suggested that 8th grade families volunteer to return their tomato bucket to NHS when they are done with it so it can be used by another 8th grade student.

Little Boar's Head Garden Club Anniversary

- Margaret shared that the Little Boar's Head Garden designers, Patty Flaherty & Erin Costello are planning to attend our March meeting.

Preparation for Greenhouse Opening

- Rachel will contact John Gamache to confirm that the greenhouse is ready to re-open.