

NHS GREENHOUSE STEWARDS MEETING

December 5, 2017

Conference room-3:00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Anderson, Lisa Cote, Joel Hurvitz, Carolyn Kelly, Margaret Schoenberger, Rachel Robie.

The November minutes were accepted and approved.

Joel, Bob and Lisa have left messages but have received no return phone calls with regards to repairs to the greenhouse.

Lisa has referred Billy Orlando from Westborough, Massachusetts.

He has agreed to take a look at the greenhouse, give a quote for repairs, and will stop by the next time he is in North Hampton.

Joel will forward Mr Orlando's contact information to Maribeth and Kelly.

The greenhouse is closed and everything has been wrapped up until spring.

The second grade class was able to harvest beans.

The kindergarten had success planting carrots.

Joel has not yet determined the needs for spring planting.

He has gotten the beds winter ready and feels they are in good shape for spring.

A soil sample was sent to UNH several weeks ago and Joel is waiting for the results.

HYDROPONICS

Carolyn will look into the hydroponics store in York, Maine (Greenlife Garden Supply)

The Stewards are discussing the possibility of visiting Aaron Kinney.

Dr. Anderson is planning to accompany the eighth grade to the

Seacoast School of Technology and will inquire as to their offerings with regards to hydroponics. He read a course description of SST's Animal and Plant Science Program to the group and is making a determination if it is a good match.

He plans to ask the instructor if something can be set up for this Spring.

Dr Anderson thinks this could be woven into the curriculum and funded by the school budget.

Lisa contacted Griffin Greenhouse with regards to the Dosatron machine.

The machine was purchased for \$877.00. After doing more research, she learned that the Dosatron can be used with some organic fertilizers, however, extra filters would need to be purchased. Griffin also made the suggestion to decide on the types of plants to be grown before purchasing the fertilizer.

Dr. Anderson suggested that Joel send an email to all grades asking what their intentions are for growing this Spring.

The NHS Greenhouse Stewards will reconvene January 2, 2018

