

NHS GREENHOUSE STEWARDS MEETING

APRIL 4, 2017

3:00pm-conference room

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Cote, Brenda Eaves, Brad Gregg, Tracy Griffenhagen, Bob Hamilton, Carolyn Kelly, Rachel Robie.

Brad started the meeting by presenting a video on his students' visit to Pleasant View Gardens greenhouse in Loudon, NH. The video included interviews and questions presented to the greenhouse manager by the students.

The super-tunias have arrived and they have all been planted. Students created a six minute video chronicling the planting of the flowers. All of the cuttings have come from Costa Rica.

There is lettuce in the greenhouse and Brad will inquire as to when the cafeteria staff would like to use it. The students will then harvest the lettuce for school lunches. Paula has been out to the greenhouse to see the lettuce.

A Sensaphone remote monitor has been set up to ensure the temperature in the greenhouse does not fall below 50 degrees. In the future it will be used to monitor doors and humidity.

Brenda noticed some of the windows opening early in the greenhouse. Brad followed up with the company and they offered some solutions- Brad has since updated the settings.

Brad noticed propane was low and John Gamache followed up by ordering a delivery of gas.

SQUARE FOOT GARDENING UPDATE:

Brenda reported that while not every class has started to plant, they have all of the materials necessary to do so.

Her class is happy to assist by preparing beds, weeding, sweeping and mixing compost; they have been particularly enthusiastic about their time in the greenhouse.

Margaret will be planting canna lilies with the fourth grade on April 7.

Tomato bags have arrived.

Thirteen bags of lobster compost will be picked up as soon as John is able to remove the plow from his truck.

Rachel inquired as to whether there would be space available if a group of students wanted to conduct a growing experiment. Both Brenda and Brad were in agreement that there is always space and are willing to move things around to create more.

Lisa noted that starting August 1, Pleasant View Gardens is periodically open to the public and encouraged a visit to the facility. Tracy made the suggestion that this might be a great field trip for summer school students.

The NHS Greenhouse stewards will reconvene on May 2, 2017.