

**NHS GREENHOUSE STEWARDS MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2017
3:00 CONFERENCE ROOM**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Alison Boudreau, Lisa Cote, Brenda Eaves, Brad Gregg, Bob Hamilton, Carolyn Kelly, Rachel Robie and Margaret Schoenberger

The January minutes were reviewed and approved.

- Alison began the meeting with questions for the group regarding tomato planting. She wanted to know what space is available in the greenhouse and how best to set up grow lights and seedlings for 64 students.
- Bob suggested using a four foot table/ 2 trays under a four foot light- and encouraged using the Jiffy 72 system (pods for planting seeds).
- Lisa Cote has offered to donate them.
- Alison is planning to grow determinate tomato plants. Bob made the suggestion to plant dwarf varieties as well.
- Brenda anticipates seeds and labels will be ordered within the week- ensuring supplies will be on hand for planting to commence the week following February vacation.
- Brenda and Bob have organized bins with all supplies students will need to begin their tomato growing project.
- Bob brought a sample of the "tomato pouch" and suggested the pouch replace last year's joint compound buckets.

GREENHOUSE MANAGER REPORT:

- Brad suggested that this year paper planting containers not be used- with the hope that they can be repurposed.
- A slideshow was presented on the 6th grade plant project showcasing pictures of lettuce the students have planted as practice for the upcoming flower sale.
- Brad has fixed the square foot gardens in need of repair and reports they are presently in good working condition.
- The potting bench has been cleaned and reorganized by Brad. He suggested the thermostat be repositioned to the front side of the greenhouse.
- Brad and Bob purchased a shelving unit -John Gamache's help was enlisted to secure the unit so it would not topple over.
- The Griffin order has been placed and received.
- Brad had questions regarding the disposal of soil from the square foot gardens. Bob and Brenda confirmed that the soil is customarily reused.
- The automation system has been checked and appears to be in working order.
- Brad and Bob have ordered a Dosatron system for ease of watering.
- Lisa suggested calling Griffin for support regarding fertilizing calculations when using.
- EC meter has been ordered to calculate parts per million for fertilizer.
- Brad and Bob will look into changing out the old timer with a new one from Home Depot.

Brad would like to see the greenhouse re open the 2nd or 3rd week of March.

- The sixth grade will require six tables and four lights to prepare for the plant sale.
- Brad noted that two more lights would be ideal so they could be permanently placed.
- More soil may be needed.
- Another shelving unit would be beneficial.
- Rachel will contact Richard Boardman to inquire as to whether funds are available.

SQUARE FOOT GARDEN UPDATE

- There is an ongoing effort to make sure there are enough grow lights for everyone- as well as some experimentation with a L.E.D system.
- Bob and Brenda have ordered seeds, materials and mechanicals.

LITTLE BOARS HEAD GARDEN CLUB UPDATE:

- Margaret has expressed the club's desire to grow canna lilies in the greenhouse again this year.
- She is hopeful that extra plants can be sold in conjunction with the 6th grade plant sale.
- Margaret would like to partner with one of the classes with regards to planting the rhizomes.
- It was suggested that this might be a project for the 4th grade.
- Rachel offered to reach out to Mark McFarlin regarding this.

The NHS Greenhouse Stewards will reconvene March 7, 2017