

**NHS GREENHOUSE STEWARDS MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2016
3:00- conference room**

In attendance: Richard Boardman, Lisa Cote, Brenda Eaves, Bob Hamilton, Joel Hurvitz, Carolyn Kelly, Victoria Kilroy, Rachel Robie, Margaret Schoenberger

The September 13, 2016 minutes were accepted and approved.

Square foot gardening update:

The second grade class will not be going out into the greenhouse, currently they are working indoor with plans to use the greenhouse in the Spring.

The seventh grade has planted seeds.

Greenhouse maintenance and supplies:

Joel has been busy weeding beds and acknowledged Wendy Crowley's donation of seeds and peat cups.

Lisa has offered to donate her leftover seeds.

Joel has expressed his desire to use organic seeds exclusively.

Joel and Bob have been meeting on Thursdays to review the mechanicals of the greenhouse, mowing, etc. they have extended the invitation to anyone who would like to join them.

Joel has been organizing the greenhouse and assessing what supplies are needed.

Presently, he would like a white board that could be used to keep track of what each class is growing as well as a watering schedule.

Joel will connect with Richard regarding the availability of funds for organic soil, seeds, etc.

Richard has put the greenhouse on next week's council agenda and is hoping Joel will be available to speak with team members regarding greenhouse usage.

Rachel asked Richard if he would consider extending the greenhouse manager position into summer- he stated that it is a possibility.

Artist in residence:

Artist in residence, Mark Ragonese, will be visiting NHS on October 21st.

He will be meeting with the 4th grade and Linda Donahoe has extended the invitation to the NHS Greenhouse Stewards to attend. He will return on November 18th and 21st for construction and installation of poles, arches and vines on the walkway.

Little Boars Head Garden Club:

Margaret will be digging up the canna lilies from the garden by the fish houses, and is hoping to use the greenhouse this fall to store the rhizomes- bringing last year's 4th grade planting project full circle.

Other:

Victoria presented a rough draft for the greenhouse user guide and asked for feedback.

Joel is envisioning placement of pictures in the greenhouse for early development.

Brenda suggested pictures of students working in the greenhouse.

Joel and Victoria would like signage for the greenhouse reminding people to clean up.

Brenda suggested that the 7th grade could make the signs as part of a service learning project.

Joel would like to encourage using the greenhouse as an environment for reading, playing music, etc-he will be leaving the greenhouse unlocked during the day and all are welcome.

Rachel will provide Joel with a contact list for vendors.

The NHS Greenhouse stewards will reconvene on November 1, 2016

