

**NHS Greenhouse Stewards Meeting
August 18, 2015
8:30 am in the conference room**

IN ATTENDANCE: Rich Boardman, Lauren deConstant, Brenda Eaves, John Gamache, Bob Hamilton, Rachel Robie, Anna Spalding and Victoria Kilroy

July meeting minutes were read, amended and accepted.

Updates:

Garden Fencing:

Dig Safe came and Matt from Northeast Agriculture Fencing will install the garden fence on Thursday. John & Bob discussed gate design/material with Matt. Options included a barn style which seemed like a more appropriate fit for the garden fence or a galvanized gate. John will speak to Matt about cost and style when he comes for the fence installation.

Supplies/Materials Order:

Brenda is finalizing the list and will give to Rich so that all supplies are in the greenhouse for the start of school. Staff will keep a running total of materials used as we think about planning for next year.

Greenhouse Support Person Stipend:

Rich will speak to staff about the position and opportunity to receive a stipend.

Square Foot Gardening Project:

Brenda and Bob shared the minutes from their August 4th Square Foot Garden meeting (see attached).

It was suggested that each grade level have a copy of the Square Foot Gardening book to have as a resource.

Brenda created an overview sheet of the Square Foot Garden project to be displayed on an information table by the garden at the BTSP.

Their next meeting is on Tuesday, September 1st in Brenda's classroom (or the library if it is open).

We discussed adding these minutes to the Greenhouse page of the school website. All agreed that this information would be beneficial to share with families and the community. Rich suggested we reach out to Meghan Wyman to explore ways to include this and other pertinent info on the site in an organized and user friendly way. Rachel will contact Meghan.

Back to School Picnic:

The greenhouse and garden will be open for families and community members to walk through during the picnic. Veggies will be left in the garden for 7th graders

to pick. An information table will be placed by the garden. Items included on the table: the greenhouse communication log, clipboard with a greenhouse volunteer sign up sheet*, the overview of the Square Foot Gardening Project, the Square Foot Gardening book and pictures from the Founding Flowers service learning project. Lauren volunteered to gather the items and bring flowers.

*In addition, Victoria suggested that we contact PAL to add the greenhouse as part of their volunteer sign up form.

Preparing for the First Day of School:

Ideally, 4 growing tables will be lowered. Bob & Rachel volunteered to come with the proper cutting tool and shorten the legs.

Committee Framework:

Rachel offered to step aside but will remain as facilitator of the Stewards until someone else volunteers. Rich felt that as the year progresses the committee may evolve and perhaps even the greenhouse support person will eventually take on the role, setting agenda and facilitating the meetings. All agreed.

Zach Parrott's Eagle Scout Service Project:

Lauren gave an update on the status of the potting table Zach is creating for the greenhouse as his service project. He is in the process of constructing it. The table will be placed in the greenhouse to the right of the entrance. Lauren suggested that once completed we do something, perhaps a reception, to celebrate Zach's accomplishment. In addition it was suggested that there be signage/ plaque on the table recognizing Zach's contribution.

In addition, Anna suggested there be something on the composter to acknowledge the donation made by Charlotte Whittier as part of her Bat Mitzvah project. Also, Bob thought there should be a plaque on the greenhouse describing the history of how it came to be.

Other:

Bob installed an automatic water system in a small part of the greenhouse.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 8th at 3:00 am in the conference room.