

## NHS GREENHOUSE STEWARDS MEETING

March 6, 2018

3:00 pm- conference room

**In attendance:** Dr. Anderson, Lisa Cote, Brenda Eaves, Joel Hurvitz, Carolyn Kelly, Rachel Robie.

The December and February minutes were accepted and approved.

### **Greenhouse manager report:**

John Gamache has repaired the missing pane temporarily with a wood panel. It protects from inclement weather and the greenhouse can be opened with it in place.

A pipe froze earlier in the year and the repair will take a while. John will need to get someone to turn the water back on.

Since the water is not on presently, there is no rush to get the greenhouse open.

The eighth grade class started tomato seeds before February vacation unfortunately several plants died and they are planning on starting over.

Joel anticipates ordering the rest of the seeds needed for spring planting by the end of March.

Joel has received the results of the soil testing done by UNH.

It was a solid soil profile, however there were low levels of potassium reported.

Margaret is planning to ask Aaron Kinney to speak at a Little Boars Head Garden Club Meeting.

A tentative date will be July 10.

Lisa suggested advertising this event on the North Hampton billboard so more community members could participate.

Lisa has spoken with someone who could possibly fix the panel on the greenhouse and is willing to give an estimate for the cost of the repairs.

Lisa suggested we decide for the next meeting how we would like to proceed.

Brenda was concerned about the time frame based upon the plantings in the greenhouse.

It was decided that June would be the best time for the repairs.

Lisa will get more information regarding his credentials and liability insurance.

The stewards will be participating in Healthy You Day on March 20. Joel mentioned that there are several kale plants that can be used in the presentation. He also suggested presenting square foot gardening techniques. Brenda suggested using leftover seeds to give to the students as 'mystery seeds' to be planted in their gardens at home.

Another idea was for the younger students to draw a picture of a flower or vegetable to be displayed on the bulletin board in the cafeteria.

Rachel will coordinate with Brenda regarding materials needed for the crafts.

Brenda will send Rachel photos from the greenhouse to be printed out and displayed showing the progress in the greenhouse.

It was discussed that Connie Margowsky from the library is interested in starting a gardening/book club. Dr Anderson suggested contacting Joe Ramsey (new Rec director) to help with the after school garden club.

Joel announced that Paula Fields has made connections with local farms and believes some of the farms might like to partner with the school and use the greenhouse over the winter and pay for heat. It was discussed that perhaps this could be tied into the curriculum.

The NHS Greenhouse Stewards will reconvene April 3, 2018.