



Uxbridge Community Gardens

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Board or Commission Community Gardens

Meeting Date MEETING MINUTES

Place March 2, 2023
Lower Town Hall Uxbridge

1. **Call to order 6:32 PM**
2. **Minutes:** Deborah Cangi reporting
3. **Treasurer's report:** Jessica Galinas reporting / Approved as Written
End Balance as of 12/31/2022 \$2221.53
End Balance as of 02/21/2023 \$3771.53

Old Business

1. **Updates**
 - a. NONE
2. **Covenant with UYSL**
 - a. Email Brian the well costs / maintenance / split dumpsters.
 - b. UYSL will put in sprinkler system at some point so we will share until they get their system. Being first will give us an idea of electric bill and where that goes?
3. **Irrigation lines blown out**
 - a. November \$120 blown out by Joe from Arbor Alliance/ December 8 paid, May be able to be done by town in the future.
 - b. Suggestion for marking irrigation covers to avoid possible damage from traffic. Maybe extend gardens to include irrigation covers in corner of gardens.
4. **Flower plantings between us and UYSL**
 - a. Barbara went to a meeting about better gardens.
 - b. Brian picnic tables / town moved it.
 - c. Plantings should be self-maintaining / bushes or flowering shrubs

New Business

1. Alternate payment option

- a. Ready by December 2023 / January 2024. Processing Fee payment / How would we know who paid. Town Hall does similar payment for Pout Pond. Use Town Website / payment tab / choose town / select category / email goes to UCG after payment.

2. Plots available/Number of new gardeners

- a. 7 plots available / 4 unpaid- unresponsive / 7 new gardeners / wait list as of this meeting 1 Bellingham inquiry.

3. Plowing this Spring

- a. Touch base with Tim Egan. Pricing should be the same / Minimum \$350 / \$45 each for at least 8 plots / Possibly in May depending on how dry the soil is / Suggestion to plow the 7 plots for new gardeners / need to see how many others request plowing
- b. **Motion:** Pay up to \$400 for 7 plots and push back compost / Email to new gardeners plowing is free / **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

4. Compost bins/green compost

- a. Paul Knapik / Maybe better, more specific signage for bins to help gardeners when composting.

5. Aged Compost delivery

- a. 400 plowing / last two deliveries 2019 and 2021 \$280 / assuming higher / Budget \$300?
Tabled: Possible compost donation from the Green Area behind us or get quote in the Fall.

6. Irrigation lines reopened

- a. In April.

7. Food Pantry plots-raised beds

- a. Adding raised beds for continuity / FP paid for the wood / we got a discount. Will put together in Spring. UCG soil delivery – donation. Need to see how much we need. Close to Fall for delivery / McIntyre.

8. Opening Day

- a. Saturday April 15, 2023 10AM to 5PM / Volunteer clean up from 10AM to 12PM.

9. Dumpster Payment

- a. 2021_\$325 / 2022_\$445 / 2023_\$475 quote
- b. **Motion** to pay dumpster portion. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

10. Tall Fence post purchase for marking corners

- a. \$500 Maintenance budget / Lowes and Koopmans / 12 new posts to mark irrigation covers / tax exempt

11. Positions expiring 2023

- a. Jessica Galinas - Treasurer

12. Anything else?

- a. Watering Policy Guidelines / 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM / 1:45 PM to 7:45 PM / Update book in Shed / Send for Review.

Respectfully submitted,

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UCG Secretary

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