

Northampton Community Garden
Garden Committee Meeting: February 21, 2019
Draft Minutes

Present: Arlene Avakian, Blaise Bisailon, Larri Cochran, Frankie Dack, Tom Gagnon, Dan Ladd, Christie Peterson, Mimi Teghtsoonian (sec'y), Betsey Wolfson

1. The amended minutes of the November meeting, as distributed by e-mail, were approved.
2. Various matters relating to 2019 registration, New Gardeners' Orientation, Garden Neighbors, and Spring Cleanup Day were reviewed.
 - Mindy Theroux, a returning gardener, with help from others, will maintain Barbara Tytell's plots for the next season.
 - New Gardeners' Registration will be Saturday, March 23, at the Rec Dep't at JFK. Tom, Frankie, and Patti Ryan will handle registration.
 - New Gardeners' Orientation will be April 8, 7:00, at Forbes Library.
 - Garden Neighbors: It should be a requirement that a GN be present for the entire season.
 - Spring Cleanup Day. a) Larri has a list of tasks. b) There may be compost from Bear Path for sale by the bucket. c) There will be a Clean Plant Sale.
3. Finances. We began the City's fiscal year with a balance of \$7,585. We have had income of \$4,722 and expenses of \$3,481. As of 2/1, our balance was \$8,826. Between 2/1 and 2/15, an additional \$589 was added, making a balance of \$9,415.
4. Liz Tiley is no longer managing our Web site: Christie has taken on this job. Frankie remains in charge of our Facebook page.
5. Blaise summarized the lawn mower situation. a) The City has taken over their care during the winter. Mowers will be overhauled and a new mower will be purchased. b) Mowing persons are confused about areas they are to mow.
6. Compost. a) Christie is now in charge of compost. b) Arlene pointed out that the compost from the east end may have knotweed in it, and no one should use it. Larri will consult with the City (about pushing the compost back over the hill. This should go on the agenda for the next meeting.
7. Larri raised the possibility of buying a ready-made tool shed to replace the old one. It was suggested that it might be added to the present tool shed, but finding space for it would be difficult without sacrificing a plot which is already registered to a returning gardener. The question of a new tool shed will be on the next agenda.
8. Tom issued a plea: No vegetation in the dumpster!