

July 6, 2021

TAC minutes
Selectman's Office 4PM

Present: Sue Wingate, Geoff Blackett, Mike Haeger, Bill Marcussen, Ron Sundquist, Joan Magrauth

Public Members: Doug Barnard, Mark Wiener, Judith Gooding Morrison, Greg and Judy Herr, Karen Nemeth and Carolyn Sundquist

Old Business:

Mike: please relay to Joan HS contact - she will write a thank you to the students for the plot markers

Stake Markers height and placement: General discussion

Doug - why markers? Sue public location identification

Karen - corner placement keeps travel to pathways plus a hose guard

Ron - identical corner placement

Jackie Rollins publishes the plot plan.

All in favor: stakes 3' height, uniform corner placement, wood left for gardener use

Geoff: Compost

Composting site to be dismantled and contents moved to back side area without underlying pallets.

Adam: Compost into two 12 X 12 piles, new and older, that can be turned using a bucket loader. A space equal to the same size kept open in between. Plus a pathway kept open for access. More efficient to keep garden refuse on site. Over time the breakdown of material will provide compost for gardener use.

Greg - Glad to see the effort made for purposes of education.

Karen - Out reach to the Community of the change, placement and purpose. Perhaps in the Tuftonboro Times.

Sue: Master Plan

Town wide composting where it is maintained on a regular basis would be a plus.

Public comments on the Master Plan are welcome.

New Business

Pest Management Seminar - July 12, 2021 AT 6 PM

Susan Poirier, Master Gardener, will present this Seminar at the Community Garden or at the Town House if rainy.

Accessible gardening beds - The evolution of this idea depends on the need and the possible implementation.

If this happens - active Community Gardeners have first dibs.
design depends on specific need

Matt - not just wheelchair accessible?

Judith - does the town have a responsibility to offer this? Bill - don't know now

Karen - outreach to elders, perhaps companion gardening

Ron - Grants are available to develop such projects.

Hippo?

Judith - is parenting some plants for others

Bill - best to find a model that is active and working

Sue - let's wait and see what the interest might be.

Geoff - Email

Presently all emails come to Geoff who is expected to respond and this is very cumbersome plus it is on his personal email; he would like to set up a dedicated email that would be "unofficial". (Sue) This involved much back and forth about methods to do this and complications of spam, of privacy, etc.

Bill - research further and come back to it.

Geoff new plots. What is our policy.

With interest expansion is possible. However before the "new" plots can be used, they must be plowed and cleaned up. Tuftonboro residents have priority up until a specified date and then the plots would be open to other communities.

Mike - refocusing - the Community Garden takes 90% of TAC time. There are other areas that we would like to focus on. It has come to our attention, from Karen Nemeth that the gardeners may want to self-govern.

Karen - more or less 8 gardeners, that she has spoken with, are interested in taking on greater responsibility, for the CG.

Joan - this idea has merit and needs to be explored further.

Karen - wants TAC to send out a interest statement.

Sue - This is the gardeners responsibility to connect with the rest, come up with a survey to show that more than 8 are willing to self govern the garden.

Karen did send all TAC her outline of how this would work. So once all the gardeners have been contacted and a larger part are on board, we can then work out the details, the respective responsibilities and evaluate.

Shredder - Do we sell or donate the shredder TAC purchased?

Bill: 2 ways to do this. 1. sealed bid, 2. donate to a non profit; another would be if the transfer station could use it.

Ron: not so fast..perhaps the gardeners themselves might wish to use it.

Sue: any other new business.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm

respectfully submitted,
Joan Magrauth