

July 17 2017 Horticulture Committee

Present: Deby, Doug, Sarah, Andrew, Ellen, Pam

Absent: Tom, Kelly

Called to order at 6:10 by Deby Clark

Minutes: Correction to June minutes will read that annual plantings are ahead of last year . Ellen suggested there is still room for improvement in planting schedule of annuals and also that the roses need more fertilizer on a regular basis. Minutes accepted with corrections.

Old Business:

High tunnel construction approval is at a standstill between FFRG and MCMP board. MCMP board suggested that the high tunnel be tabled and proposed to be budgeted for next year. Actual bid process will require multiple bid submissions.

Still waiting for list of pesticides and fertilizers from operations.

Horticulture education: Nature education committee needs to present to MCMP board the desire to change their mission statement and move Horticulture Education to the Horticulture Commission.

Downed trees, trash build up in streams and overgrowth on the Parapet Bridge and Silver bridge need to be photographed and suggestions presented at Aug MCMP board meeting.

Deaccession list is coming by email, there have been some problems with the program.

New Business:

Safety issues at Lily Pond secondary to high grass/weeds.

Doug presented his position paper about the forestry crew. It was suggested that he add roadside trimming to be done year round.

Aug 14 MCMP work session.

Next meeting: Thurs 7 Sept 2017 6:00 pm at Birch Hill Cabin.

Adjourned by Deby Clark followed by a walk through the trails around Bear's Den cabin.