

MINUTES OF THE HORTICULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE
Meeting held at the Birch Hill, January 23, 2019

Present: Deby Clark, Doug Pezzuto, Pam Garver, Monica Parkhurst, Kelly Bowell, Janice Arch, Ellen Speicher and Andrew Pratt (ex officio)

Absent: n/a

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes from the November 28, 2018 meeting were approved with no additions or corrections.

Unfinished Business

None to report.

New Business

Committee discussed the Amendments to the Policy on Standing Committees.

- Committee members voted for/against amendments. Based on results, committee to draft a letter of response to the Board requesting further explanation to some of the amendments and a lists of concerns.
- Staff liaison is seeking clarification on how to report to the Board on behalf of the Committee.

Defining general/horticulture MCMP issues versus committee issues was discussed. Conclusion of the discussion was that if there is an immediate safety danger, it needs to be reported to the MCMP directly without consultation of committee (as private citizen). After issue is brought to MCMP, it is to be mentioned to the committee. If there is an issue or concern observed where it is not an immediate safety threat, that person may bring it up to the Committee to see if Committee would like to pursue the concern, or disregard.

Meeting with the Environmental Committee was discussed. The Committee will use the February meeting to brainstorm a list of issues, goals, and talking points to have with the Environment Committee, and pursue a joint meeting in March.

The next Horticulture Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Birch Hill Cabin.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Submitted by Janice Arch