



Down the Garden Path

NOVEMBER , 2023

Mountain Gardeners Newsletter

MINUTES OF THE MOUNTAIN GARDENER'S MEETING, NOVEMBER 14,2023

**The meeting was called to order by president Janet Ellison at
1.20 PM.**

**She thanked coordinators Becky Starks, Loretta Menkes, and
Fran Grimason for the refreshments.**

**She thanked vice presidents Wendy McDonough and Becky
Starks for setting up the meeting.**

Minutes:- There were no minutes for October as we did not have a business meeting. Wendy reported that our trip to Toby VonTrapp's greenhouse was well attended and a great success. Toby was delighted to share his expertise on propagating anemones with us.

Harwood daffodil planting: Wendy reported that members, assisted by 7 students, planted 280 daffodil bulbs. We donated \$280.00 towards the purchase of these.

Treasurer's Report:- Leslie reported a balance of \$. 15 members have not yet paid their dues. Leslie presented a budget of \$5,824.00 for the coming year. Plants for the Wait House were removed from the budget as the Town now leases the property out. A motion to approve the new total of \$5,674.00 was made by Janet and seconded by Loretta.

**Penny Pines:- Seddon reported that we have collected \$41.19.
She passed around the collection can.**

**FGCV:-The Fall meeting was held on October 3rd. 4 members
attended. Judy Reed is now 2nd vice president.**

**FGCV has announced a Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens trip
for June 24 - 26, 2024. It is pricey but filling up fast. Janet has
the flyers.**

**Sunshine:- Bonnie was not present. We will ask her to send a
card to BeBe Whittle.**

**Yearbook:- Sheila has updated the membership list. Sandra will
send this out so that members can check their information. The
books will probably cost \$3.00 each this year. We will no long**

distribute books at FGCV meetings. Judy Reed suggested that programs could be posted on the website. Members contact information should remain private. Carol agreed to proofread the books.

Emails:- Sandra forwards emails to members. She asked that we reply to the original sender of the message, not to her.

Committee Chairs:- These have been confirmed. Contact committee chairperson if you would like to be on a committee.

New Business:-

Warren Gardens:- The railroad ties at the Warren Gardens are falling apart and are unsafe. We will ask the Town to replace them.

Plans to assist with the planting at the Warren Gazebo are on hold till next year. Becky reported that the Town has received more money than anticipated and may hire a landscaper.

Plant Sale:- We decided to hold the Sale on June 8th next year. This change will require more publicity.

Our plants did not look so good last year- probably due to rain, frost, cold, and little sun. Also we barefooted them because of Asian Jumping Worms.

Jane Hobart suggested we collect colored pictures of plants from catalogues to assist customers with plant identification. Bring these to the January luncheon.

The plant sale committee would like to know how many 6” and 8” black or green plastic pots they have. Members can also take them to Judy Phelon’s barn.

September Bird Walk Meeting:- We decided to change the time to 8.00 am as there are not many birds to be seen at our usual time.

Website:- Julie and Judymet with FGCV for 1 hour's free assistance. We discussed increasing the budget for this. Julie will email re more assistance. Janet suggested leaving the budget as it is for now and requesting more if necessary.

Evergreen Place Centerpieces:- Laura suggested coordinators take photographs of these and send to Sandra for the newsletters.

Next Meeting:- No meeting in December. We will meet on at noon December 9th at the Lareau Farm for our potluck luncheon.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Nancy and seconded by Becky. The meeting adjourned at 1.45 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Hale**

THANKSGIVING FLOWER ARRANGING





