

Present: Lois Huisman, Dean Ellinger, Norma Jansma, Martha Chieply, Mark Staves, Sheila Blackman

1. Approval of agenda
2. Review of zoom etiquette.
3. Discussions
  - a. Shay and snowplowing – Agreed that Shay would be offered \$150.00 “upfront” for the season, plus \$20.00 per snowplow. Norma agreed to ensure that Shay was using garden-safe salt. Norma agreed to call the school to ask them not to dump the snow over on the garden sidewalk.
  - b. A better system for locking gates
    - i. Agreed to purchase outdoor combination locks for locking the gates from plowing to water shutoff. Combination would be communicated to gardeners with instructions for the first one in to leave the gates open, and the last one out to check for other gardeners, and then lock the gate on exit.
    - ii. Agreed that a keyed padlock will be replaced on the gates during the off season. Two weekend days will be identified in late October/November as “work days” on which the garden gates will be open if people need to bring cars in to...clean up plots, deposit organic waste on them, etc., etc.
    - iii. Agreed to leave signage with contact information for gardeners needing access on an emergency basis.
  - c. Holding gardeners accountable for cleanup

On the previous Fall clean up day the limited numbers of volunteers found many plots had not been cleared of synthetic materials. These materials (tomato cages, fencing, ground covers and discarded tools) must be removed to facilitate tilling of annual plots the following next spring.

It was decided that a specific communication strategy is needed to ensure gardeners are aware and mindful of clean up days and the date to remove synthetic materials and tools in order to retain the opportunity to be assigned a garden plot the following spring.

Agreed that the following expectations and procedures will be clearly communicated in the spring mailout and throughout the season:

- i. Annual gardeners must clean their plots of all hard structures or synthetic materials by a date – November 30<sup>th</sup>? – in fall, or forfeit their status as a returning gardener.
- ii. Gardeners whose plots are not cleaned shall be reminded after the first Fall cleanup day (Nov 6/7?) and then again after the second Fall cleanup day (Nov 20/21?).
- e. Norma has agreed to talk to Shay to ask him what his company is and how much he would charge for altering the curb on the east driveway. This was the only item we had time to discuss regarding the issue of making the driveway one-way. We postponed discussion of altering the plowing line to allow parking on east side of west drive.
- f. Irrigation – postponed until next meeting
- g. pilot for hose holders - Dean found a FANTASTIC and easy hose holder for \$15.00 each!