

Wollaston Garden Club
October 8, 2020
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Ann F., Kathy C., Jan C. Emily L., Linda M. Janet D., Kate W., Jo C., Anita F., Clare L, Jackie R., Marnie D., Pam M., Kay B., Judy H., Eric H., John R., Mary R.

The meeting was called to order by Kathy/Ann at 6:32 p.m.

Introduction by Linda—Special Guest

Grace McAuliffe, President of the Quincy Parks Conservancy, joined our Board Meeting and gave us information on [Passanageset Park. \(Access the link for more details\).](#)

- Grace informed the Board about the location, [background of the park](#), what are the objectives for the area are and their future plans.
 - Groves are being developed to make trails near the entrance. (Plans are on the website).
 - They want to tame the area, bring awareness of the natural beauty, be a steward of open spaces, share great city views, and solicit donations.
 - There are over 150 species of birds spotted here.
 - Three types of trees are being planted which will thrive in this soil:
 - eastern cedar
 - tulip
 - serviceberry
- WGC is willing to give some help in cleanup projects but don't want to keep pulling up invasive plants such as phragmites.
- Other possible volunteers could be ROTC, student, scouts.
- [The History Girls. \(Access link for complete story\)](#), 7th graders from Broad Meadows Middle School, did research that uncovered that the area was once called Passanageset.
- Linda will ask Grace if someone can give a tour of the area for a possible field trip.
- Linda will send out a doodle form to find out availability of Board Members.

Treasurer's report-Linda M

- Checking account- \$15,087.64
- CD -\$5832.10 (will come due in March)
- 501©3 filing was done on October 1st
- John Reed is half way through the audit but has a few questions.

September Board Meeting Minutes which were resent on Thursday by Mary Ryan were approved.

Corresponding Secretary's report- Kate W. said that two members have not been reached to retrieve their membership books. Board members reported that both have moved and could get their books at a later time.

October meeting details

- WGC's October meeting has been changed from a day to a night meeting so more members can attend. We are also inviting the Houghs Neck Garden Club and the Seaside Garden Club of Squantum to join us.
- The program via Zoom is called "Unique Plants for Shade Gardens" from Chuck and Sue Doughty from Cochato Nurseries
- Ann F. gave the Board the following details:
Emily reported that the Zoom start time is 6:15pm to give members time to chat.
 - 15 minute for a business meeting at 6:45 pm
 - We will wave the financial report until the November meeting.
 - Presenters will start at 7 p.m.
 - Goodie bags will be put together by Anne McCarthy and Kathleen Meade
 - Drivers will meet at 1 o'clock at one of their houses to deliver goodie bags with a raffle ticket, candy corn and chocolate chip cookie on Thursday.
 - There will be 3 raffle items for WGC members:
 - wooden tote made by Ann,
 - 1 plant from Cochato Nursery
 - Grasses from Elaine
 - Must be on Zoom meeting to win
 - Winning raffle items will be delivered by Ann F.
 - Emily will send the Zoom link to the Houghs Neck Garden Club and Seaside Garden Club of Squantum for the presidents to send out to their membership.
 - Mary will send the link out to the Club at 3 p.m. on Thursday.
 - Jan will send out a reminder to the Club the day before about the deliveries and upcoming Zoom link.

November Meeting Update

- Janet D reported that on November 19th Mary Beth Hayes of Sempervirens Flowers will deliver a presentation via Zoom called "Holiday Inspiration".
- WGC will pay her for the materials and wonder if the arrangements will be hers or ours?
- Janet D. is willing to drive to Chelmsford to get them depending on the decision and is awaiting hearing back from her.

Greens sale plans update

- Emily will schedule a Greens Sale Zoom Meeting next week on Friday?

- Kathy M went to Jacobson's to get ribbon and the choices were limited.
- BJ's and Costco have some ribbon.
- Designers have to have enough ribbon for 10 wreaths of each design.
- Designers will make a mock-up for the website and make sure they have the material for 10 wreaths. Some material could be in the Church closet.
- Kate said we can use the Church to make the wreaths.

December Meeting Change Ideas

- Kathy asked for ideas on how to handle our holiday luncheon.
- We will ask Carole Fischer is willing to be Master of Ceremonies.
- Judy H. had an idea of having members drop their plants off at the church, given numbers and plants will be described by Carole by number

Committee Updates

Garden Therapy

- Jackie Ryan and Clare LaMorte visited the Atrium Memory Center at Faxon Woods on Sept. 30.
- The residents made their own posters with photographs of beautiful flowers from members of the WGC. They also decorated little pumpkins
Emily will adapt the article on the website to put in the *Quincy Sun*.

Civic Beautification

- Mums and pumpkins have been added at corner of Newport and Beale St.
- Pam and Jo decorated the Wollaston Library planters
- Safford Park might need some trimming in November. Teams are scheduled for the work.

Update on Elaine's plants: Elaine has a number of plants that she has been overwintering for the plant sale. Emily sent the following list to the Board:

For Sale:

- Purple Leaf Beech \$15-20
- 1 Kousa dogwood \$15-20 4-5 years old
- 2 Graceful grasses Blue Mohawk \$15

For Greens Sale:

- Hemlock cones, little
- Scrub pinecone
- Baltic pine, good size

Hyonah Aha's friend is considering joining the Club and wants to come to a meeting. Kathy will reach out to Ahn and forward a link to her for the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.