

Wollaston Garden Club
Virtual Board Meeting March 11, 2021

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

Kathy **called the meeting to order** at 6:35 p.m.

We held a **Moment of Community** but there was no news.

Recording Secretary's report – Mary R.'s February Minutes were accepted without any corrections.

Corresponding Secretary's Report-

- Kate said that the Arnold Arboretum sent WGC an email letting members know the dates to pick up their seedlings. They will not be mailing postcards this year.
- WGC and Jan are each members so Kate will be picking up both seedlings which will be sold at the Plant Sale.
- WGC has received a few thank yous but Kate will make a full report in May.

Treasurer's Report

- Linda reported the following:
 - Checking account balance as of 2/28/21-\$15,031.72
 - Petty cash-\$86.40
 - CD \$5,884.38
 - renewal due 3/22
 - The Board agreed to go with a 6 month CD with a .03% interest rate in hopes that the economy will rebound and rates will improve.

Assistant Treasurer

- Marnie reported that 24 members have renewed.
- Three members have chosen not to renew until WGC meets in person again.

March Meeting

- Eric has contacted Julianne Sullivan, Quincy's environmental scientist from the Department of Natural Resources, who is scheduled again this year after last year's meeting was cancelled due to COVID.
- Emily would like a link to her presentation as a backup and to get the details of her talk so she can put an article in the Quincy papers afterwards.
- Her talk will focus on current Quincy's natural resource projects that are currently underway.

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April Meeting

- Carole Fischer will present "Perennials: A New Look" which was postponed from last year.
- Kathy M. will order enough bags for two months for the goodie bag deliveries for the April and May meetings.
- Kathy C. will set up the routes for the delivery volunteers.

Spring Plant Sale

- Kathy said that a small group met over Zoom to discuss some of the details of the plant sale.
- It will be held outside on May 15th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (*Note time change from previously published as a 9:30 a.m. start*).
- A "teaser" announcement will be sent out to the membership before the Thursday, March 18th meeting to alert members about the upcoming sale and to tell them that details will be provided at the Zoom meeting.
- Members will be asked if they have plants that need to be divided and if they need help.
- Susan Lynch will design a flyer that can be sent to friends and family as WGC is not able to post flyers very much anymore.

Native Plants

- Judy H. is coordinating the Native Plant initiative for our club and Ann will get her up and running with the details.
- Three members have submitted photos for the newsletter.

- Kay B. has ordered new books for the WGC library.
- Suzanne has scanned pages for members to have access to a list of [native plants](#) which can be found on the WGC's website.

GCFM Programming Options

- There will be a virtual program workshop via Zoom on March 29th at 10:30 a.m.
- Speakers will present their programs for board members to view.
- Emily, Janet and Kathy will register to participate for WGC.

Seed Swap

- Cynthia Lewis sent out an email that she has seeds to swap (zinnias, Japanese anemone, liatris, marigold, floss, and hot peppers.
- Since we are not meeting in person, Kathy will announce it at the March Meeting and Jan will send out an email to the membership.

Gardening Green Expo 2021

- Jan told the Board that there was an article in the Tuesday, March 9th *Patriot Ledger*
- about seven lectures being conducted by Kennedy's Country Gardens Nursery, held
- through Zoom and sponsored by the North and South River Watershed Association.
- Jan will send out a notice to the membership which will include a [link to sign up](#) and it will also be added to WGC's website. Clare found the link and forwarded it to Jan while during the meeting.
- On the North and South River Watershed Association website is information about Perennial Native Plants for sale at Kennedy's in Scituate.
- Clare suggested that the Expo could be a good resource for next year's program planning.
- Kate suggested a possible topic for next year's program would be "[The Battle Between Native and Invasive Plants](#)", one of the topics that a representative from Kennedy's would be addressing on March 24.

Committee Reports

- **Scholarships**

- Emily has heard from North Quincy High School that they will be picking scholars and will send them our form but hasn't heard back from Quincy High to date.

Civic Beautification

- Pam reported that she and Dee will be meeting to set up a schedule to cleanup and plant at the sites.
- Some grasses will be removed and divided to go into our Plant Sale.
- Roses will be cut back. Ann reminded us that there is [a video on our website on how to prune roses.](#)
- Beale St. corner will be cleaned up.

Garden Therapy

- Jackie and Clare asked about bringing a plant or flowers to the Atrium since in-person visits can't happen right now.
- They will check with the social worker at the facility regarding current policies.
- Garden Therapy has a \$200 budget to work with.
- Ann brought up an idea of reaching out to local floral departments in supermarkets or shops to see about getting their "unsaleable flowers" to use with nursing home residents for arrangements.
- Ann, Clare and Jackie will investigate this possibility and report back.

Kahoot

- Emily would like for us to have another plant quiz in April and will randomly put members in breakout rooms and have one member respond to the questions with their Smartphone.
- Janet D will draft a Kahoot trivia quiz relating to plants/gardening.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.