

**Town of Richmond
Gardening Committee Meeting**

AGENDA

Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 6:00 PM

Town Center & Virtual

Members Present: Caroline S, Marylin J, Mary H. (**Non-quorum meeting**)

1. Approval of Minutes from 6/12/23
 - a. Absent a quorum we had a general discussion of flood, current and future projects. Without a quorum, no decisions could be made for the group but as we were assembled, we met for the brief hour.
 - b.
2. Update on plantings at Volunteer's Green
 - a. Since our June meeting, members of our committee met and planted the 7 cement containers in Volunteer's Green and added three sets of plants at the bench areas where we met at last meeting to evaluate the plants there. Thank you to Paquette's for the floral donation. We took turns watering them in for a great show of color and care at our 4th of July celebration.
 - b. And then came the rain.. All 7 cement containers at Vol Green were completely scoured out (flowers and soil) by the flood event that converged upon our Town Monday night July 10, 2023. Plantings at the bench survived though.
 - c.
3. ~~Discussion of items to include in plan that will be developed in coming year~~
 - a. ~~Volunteer's Green~~
 - i. ~~Update on access to water~~
 - b. ~~Community Garden~~
 - e. ~~Town Signs and other locations~~
4. We independently decided: Caroline will start the refilling process by using twigs to start the fill process to use less soil. Mary will provide soil and add mums to each of the 7 planters for fall color and trusting no repeat of the flooding will terminate our work prematurely, it will be good again. Marylin will speak to her neighbor about the sign 'Welcome to Richmond' entry and if we will be able to block out and black out the invasive weed that is converging there for future plantings. The Town budget for the Town Center grounds and maintenance, can be tapped for the additions we need instead of asking for another amount of cash for this project.
5. Our future projects can include teaching new gardeners, starting seeds, containing or maintaining the cedar hedge that is between the Town Center and the Library, bidding and contracting out larger projects around Town like an additional Welcome sign at the Jonesville entry to Richmond. Because there is a kitchen area on the third floor of the Town Center, we can use that space in the spring for a seed starting workshop area.
6. The current Community Garden is not at capacity, but before looking to find other areas for the same, look to fill out the areas now open there.

7. Adjournment