

**Town of Richmond
Gardening Committee Meeting**

AGENDA

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6:00 PM

Town Center & Virtual

Members present: Caroline Schlutius, Jim Feinson, Mary Houle,
Erin Farr by Zoom

1. Approval of Minutes from 6/12/23 and 7/19/23
 - a. Postponed until members present at those meetings are in attendance
2. Update on plantings at Volunteer's Green
3. Discussion on topic of fall plantings at Volunteer's Green
4. Discussion of items to include in plan that will be developed in coming year
 - a. Volunteer's Green
 - i. Spruce up the bench area and the foliage at the Vol Green by the Ladensack Memorial area
 - ii. Any pollinator garden should be away from the heavy traffic of the Vol Green Farmer's Market area
 - iii. Stone path into the greenery at Vol Green Memorial Garden
 1. Possible Contacts: (for pathway stones): Cleary Stone for ends , Living Stone for stones, Landshapes ground work, Terry Boyle is landscape architect, Town owned stone piles ?
 - b. Community Garden
 - i. Setting the goal to fill out the open slots in the community garden (now on private property) before finding a second or replacement site which allows easy access with walking distance ideal and served by water is also an ideal situation. The question emerged about owners of the current community garden site rescinding the offer to host the garden on their land. Zoning changes will allow this landowner to expand their buildings to accommodate more housing in the village. New rules allow expanded housing to be built where it is served in the village by the water and sewer district.
 - ii. How can we get the maps or identify sites where the Town owns land that our committee can consider for a garden site in the future? Contact either the Town Manager or the Selectboard Chair for this information.
 - iii. Are any of the Richmond Land Trust sites available or suitable for Community Garden use? How are their rules set up to allow public use for such low impact use? Do their rules prohibit such activities? Bombardier parcel in Jonesville is open and flat and has water close by (river). Please remember the Town's contribution through the Conservation Fund, the \$86,000 given to the Vt Conservation and Housing Board WITH the Richmond Land Trust to purchase the 10-acre parcel in Jonesville.

- iv.
- c. Town Signs and other locations
 - i. Adding a new sign to the Jonesville entry to reflect the same as the Williston entry side was discussed.
 - ii. Need update on permission to clear out Bishops Weed around current town sign
 - 1. Discussed day lily plantings to replace
- 5. Adjournment