

Minutes

York Community Garden Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: January 7, 2025

Meeting Time: 5:00

Meeting Location: YPL

Board Members Attending: Laura Tangerini, Ryan Mails, Patrick Sheehy, Denise D. McGee, Chris Colby, Lee-Anne Leverone

Others Attending: None

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Abbot Brothers bid for Garden expansion work

- Abbot Brothers personnel made a site visit with Laura.
- The following received bid was reviewed by the Committee:
Estimate for York Community Gardens (Long Sands Road, York, Maine)

Clearing and Preparation

1. Tree Crew: 2 days @ \$2,800/day = \$5,600
2. Yanmar with Mower (Underbrush Cutting): 2 days @ \$1,200/day = \$2,400
3. Excavator and Dump Truck: 1 day @ \$2,000/day = \$2,000
4. Fill Sand (Optional): 100 yards = \$2,500
5. Stumping and Grading: 2 days @ \$1,200/day = \$2,400
6. Stump Hauling (Optional): 2 loads @ \$500/load = \$1,000

Waterline Installation

- Installation: \$30/foot (distance TBD)
Example: For 100 feet = \$3,000 (adjust based on final distance).

Estimated Total Costs

- Without Optional Items (Fill Sand and Stump Hauling):
 $\$5,600 + \$2,400 + \$2,000 + \$2,400 = \$12,400$
- With Optional Items (Fill Sand and Stump Hauling):
 $\$12,400 + \$2,500 + \$1,000 = \$15,900$
- Waterline Installation: Add \$30/foot based on the required distance.

Note: This estimate can be adjusted based on the final waterline length and whether optional items are included.

3. Garden expansion plan

- Decision will be needed regarding lilac hedge: potential for 3-5 gardens in that space.
- Stumps from trees can be included in fill, but better to remove them.
- Waterline will be needed to serve lots near Ferncroft
- Breaking out to Ferncroft would involve 1) approval from historic commission as this falls outside the approved area for garden development; 2) installation of a culvert

4. RFP for land clearing work

- RFP will be published on Maine Municipal Association website.
- Chris Colby will be the contact person for contractors submitting bids.
- Committee determined that bids must be received by February 14, leaving opportunity for review and recommendation prior to March 10 Selectboard meeting.

5. New business

- Determined to begin advertising availability of garden plots in March
- Discussion of an open house to raise community awareness of the garden, share about the garden (bylaws, etc.) with potential gardeners.