

Minutes

York Community Garden Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 9/2/2025

Meeting Time: 5:00pm

Meeting Location: YCG

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

Board Members Absent: Chris Colby, Patrick Sheehy

Others Attending: Albert Scott

1. Public Comment

Albert Scott addressed the Committee with a question about use of garden space outside of plot.

2. Presentation of minutes

Motion: Adopt as amended.

Member making the motion: Ryan

Was there a second? Laura

Discussion: Denise raises that Andy actually agreed to call Abbott.

Vote: Approved

3. Reports

- a. Peter called Laura to inquire if we want DPW to mow the perimeter. She affirmed that we do. Peter also asked if we want a sign on Ferncroft saying do not enter. We decline that. An abutter called Laura concerned about not having been aware of our last meeting, and seeking information about the perimeter planting.
- b. Ryan reported on his meeting with the Conversation Commission re: knotweed. They affirm an approach of early summer cutting followed by late summer spraying.

4. New Business

- a. **Location for composting garden materials as gardeners clean up.**
Discussion summary: Need clearer direction about where material should go.
Action taken: Additional space behind Ryan's garden for compost. Stake with ribbon will mark the spot.
- b. **Exiting from the garden onto Ferncroft Road**
Discussion summary: We will continue to discourage exiting onto Ferncroft; this is not a driveway.
- c. **Solid structures outside of the garden spaces**
Discussion summary: On the narrow question of Albert's stones outside the bounds of his garden plot, we ask that they be moved from the side around to the front.

d. Is sub-committee membership mandatory?

Discussion summary: There is a gap between our understanding that holding a Garden plot entails a responsibility to participate in the sub-committee work of the Community Garden and the reality on the ground. We discussed whether this should be a stated requirement, and how we might build a more participatory culture among plot-holders.