

ANDOVER COMMUNITY GARDEN



October 26, 2021 - 6 pm

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room (masks required),
or Community Garden (behind Town Hall) weather permitting

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Mohegan and Wangunk Nations, and pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

[Garden Standard Operating Procedures document](#)

Time	Agenda Topic	Facilitator
10 mins	Shed updates	Abbie
10 mins	Fall harvest and planning for winterizing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pull up plants after frost - Apply thick layer of compost to each bed 	Abbie
5 mins	Seed Library <u>Seed viability:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seeds in good condition and stored properly will last at least one year and, depending on the plant, may last two to five years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 year: onions, parsnips, parsley, salsify, and spinach - 2 years: corn, peas, beans, chives, okra, dandelion - 3 years: carrots, leeks, asparagus, turnips, rutabagas - 4 years: peppers, chard, pumpkins, squash, watermelons, basil, artichokes and cardoons - 5 years: most brassicas, beets, tomatoes, eggplant, cucumbers, muskmelons, celery, celeriac, lettuce, endive, chicory - Seed containers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - apothecary cabinets - hardware/craftware organizers - Type case drawer. Stackable drawers - Library - Add desiccate, within climate controlled environment - To do: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stake out area of library that we could use - Buy <u>containers</u> - Start collecting desiccants! - Connect with conservation commission to collaborate and offer them spots for pollinator seeds within our set up 	Amy/Abbie

20 mins	<p>Education events - choose dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Movie viewing at library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Warm weather - June? - Talks at garden/town hall meeting room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Locals Lorraine and Bill - master gardeners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic: - Date: - Local Jim Fitting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic: compact organic gardening - Date: anytime? - Local Carrie Crompton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic: pollinator gardening. Potential guided walk - Date: Early spring - Local Julia Haverl <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic: pollinator planting - Date: Anytime? - Master gardener Jean, friend of Kristin Violette (Farmington gardener). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic: Winter sowing? - Date: Winter - Bettylou Sandy - Manchester Community Garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic: Small garden planning - anytime? - Date: - Seed Swap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amy March's friend Kate hosts a great one in MA in February - "You get a package of small baggies and a few markers and have everyone bring their seeds with them. Typically there are a few starter packs that people can start picking through. Everyone wears a name tag because gardeners are a friendly bunch and like to chat with fellow gardeners. Encourage people to save their seeds from previous year to bring to the swap and make sure they are labelled" - Date: Winter - Piggyback onto NOFA events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow their facebook page, repost local events 	Abbie
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Ending Protocol:

Next meeting time.

- Meeting every 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 pm
 - Post flyers at town hall, post office, at the garden
 - Advertise weekly in Rivereast
- Meet via zoom?

Misc Questions, Updates, etc:

- Fall Harvest Festival and Groundbreaking Party, 2022 - Elaine touched base with Carol?

Action Steps:

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Abbie