

# TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

Date: January 11, 2017

President Vicky Marr called the meeting to order at 12:50, opening with recitation of the Gardeners Collect, the Conservation Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance:** for the business meeting -- 16 members  
for the program -- 19 members

3 guests: Tom Hill, Jane Littlefield and Geri Bassett

## **Hostesses**

For this meeting: Alison Harris, Liz Volckening, Jeanne d'Arc Mayo, Roz Harris  
For February meeting: Carole Flaherty, Claudia Knox, Lucette Musica

## **Topsham Public Library Display**

This month: Marge Whipple  
Next month: Lucette Musica

## **Secretary's Report:**

Corrections for November minutes: none  
Moved to accept by: Lucette Musica  
Seconded by: Marge Whipple  
December meeting was potluck lunch and auction only; no business meeting

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Checking account: \$3499.38  
Savings account : \$2509.97  
Christmas Auction receipts: \$249  
Jean Herlihy has purchased plant markers for the town gardens.  
Contributions, as approved in the annual budget, to be made this month are:  
Campership to CREA  
Campership to Bryant Pond 4-H Camp  
Annual fund gift to Friends of Merrymeeting Bay
- Membership: 45 members which includes one honorary member

## **President's Report**

Open positions

- Information provided on open officer and committee chair positions within the Club which need to be filled for announcement and vote at the Annual Meeting in April.
- A nominating committee of at least 2 members is needed to determine if current members in these positions wish to continue and then to contact all members for their interest in filling the remaining open positions.
- Several members will remain in their positions:  
Alison Harris      Treasurer  
Jean Herlihy      Town gardens

Liz Volckening Hospitality

- Vicky will send an e-mail outlining further details and responsibilities for the open positions and for the nominating committee.

#### Medomak District Annual Meeting

- Topsham Garden Club is host for this meeting
- May 1, 2017
- Sky-Hy Conference Center
- Theme: "Sowing Seeds—Returning Maine Plants to Maine Gardens"
- Speaker; Heather McCargo, Executive Director of Wild Seed Project
- Her topic; "Going Native: Using Native Perennials, Shrubs and Trees in the Landscape"

#### Sign-up Sheets

- Members were asked to volunteer for the various tasks/responsibilities available for the Medomak District Annual Meeting

#### **Announcements and important dates**

February 10 program	Lyme disease with Paula Jackson Jones and Angele Rice
March 9 program	"Hardy Succulents and Rock Garden Plants"
April 13	Annual meeting and installation of officers Program: Garden Records
May 1	Medomak District Annual Meeting
May	no regular Topsham Garden Club meeting
June	Plant Sale tentative date, June 3

Meeting adjourned at 1:25.

The Program was presented by Matt Dubel, Executive Director, Cathance River Education Alliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Neale  
Secretary

**TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
January 11, 2017**

Checking Account Balance (as of January 11, 2017)	<b>\$3,499.38</b>
Savings Account Balance (as of December 31, 2016)	<b>\$2,509.97**</b>

*\*\* The Savings Account balance includes \$1,500 for a "Rainy Day Fund," \$1,000 reserved for a capital gift for the Androscoggin Brunswick-Topsham Riverwalk, and interest earned.*

**Membership:** As of January 11, we have 45 members, including one honorary member, Hannah Vigue.

Dues (new or renewing members) for 2016-2017 are unchanged: \$20 for an individual or \$30 for two members of the same household. Members joining December 1 or later pay half price until the April Annual Meeting when all dues collected will be applied to the following year. According to our By-Laws, dues are due by June 15.

**Activity:**

- The Christmas auction brought in \$242 (plus an IOU for \$7). We'd budgeted \$250, so this is right on target.
- Jean Herlihy has purchased markers for plants in the town gardens for use this spring and summer.
- I will be making the remaining contributions approved in our annual budget later this month. That would be camperships for CREA and Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and an annual fund gift to Friends of Merrymeeting Bay. Our Friends of the Topsham Public Library renewal was paid last summer in time to sponsor the garden books table at the annual book sale.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Harris, Treasurer