

Completed prior to the August 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting

1. Working through permitting issues with the BOE for the cottage.
2. Meeting set for August 12<sup>th</sup> at cottage with Greg Stewart the Senior Manager of Engineering for AACPS.
3. Purchase of storage container was made and is now at the farm to store donations. (we need to be cautious about what we accept since a 20 ft container will fill up very fast).
4. Once final plans are done in anticipation of being granted a permit we can get down to business soliciting donated building materials and scheduling construction.
5. I visited the farm on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> and found that there is still an area at the corner of the drive washing out. Touch up will need to be done to prevent further erosion from occurring.
6. See attached list of donations already accounted for. This list could conceivably change depending on the outcome of the meeting Friday so for now its best to wait and see what Mr. Stewart has in store for us.

## **Goshen Farm Community Garden July meeting notes**

- Everything is growing well, the weeds in the garden are fairly easy to maintain. Paper and straw have made a HUGE impact on keeping them at bay. Still watering by jugs
- I have started pulling weeds surrounding the garden and putting down newspaper and straw. I will need more of both.
- The rain barrels have some water in them from a couple storms. I am saving it to be used by volunteers to water the garden when I am on vacation in August.
- Kim Norris (a member) will be watering the garden for me August 3-11. She can use the rain barrels or the jugs, the only problem is that either option requires a key to get the job done.
- Would like to put an email blast out to members that there is produce available at the garden. I will pick it and leave it in a container somewhere that the animals can't get to. Other suggestions welcome.
- I gave a bunch of veggies already to the cape VFD.
- Put tomato plants in "clay" garden and lower field to compare growth, animal and people activity in each area to that of the main garden.

- I had first meeting for those interested in garden and it went great. About 10 people showed up and are very interested. As of today I have had 26 people show an interest in the garden. The next GFPS Community Garden meeting will be August 13 at the farm 9 am.

#### WEBSITE:

Hostgator sent out a notice that they were teaming up with a company to offer a better website building software. I talked to them yesterday (7/19) and it's going to be much longer than anticipated.

They offer plenty of templates that can be edited to have the same look and feel as the current site but with new information. Mock ups will be shown at meeting.

Do we want a blog?

#### **Membership Committee:**

Residents: 38 household, 9 individual

Non-residents: 11 household, 6 individual

Hydrangea committee ; - )

We seem to have lost a few in the heat. Most (at least 50) are healthy and should be ready for sale at the open house.