

## Goshen Farm Preservation Society

### Meeting Information

<b>Called by:</b>	Board	<b>Type of Meeting:</b>	Membership
<b>Facilitator:</b>	President, Barbara Morgan	<b>Recorder:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	12/12/2012	<b>Time: 7:30 pm</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	The Bailey's house		
<b>BOD Attending:</b>			
<b>Members Attending:</b>			

### Agenda

1. Welcome of new members or visitors: Please note that we are here to discuss Board and Chair issues. If you have a comment on or question we ask that you hold that until the floor opens at the end of the meeting.
2. Review of November Minutes
3. President's Remarks:
4. Committee Reports: Please read reports ahead of time- each committee will have 5 minutes to discuss any issues and answer questions.
  - a. Finances (Karen):
  - b. Building (Nick): no report -
  - c. Membership (Becky):
  - d. Communications (John):
  - e. Sharing Garden (Nicole)
  - f. Grounds (Roy): report as submitted
  - g. Fundraising (open):
  - h. Oral History(Patty- seeking new chair):
  - i. Caper Article: Feb (due Jan 12)
  - j. Special Projects:
5. Special Projects/Events
  - a. GFPS Annual Meeting-January 16<sup>th</sup>, Voting on Bylaw changes and nominations.
  - b. Java & Jazz- need to look at dates
6. On-going Business:
  - a. Looking for Committee Chairs
  - b. From the Floor
7. New Business:
  - a. Stuff
  - b. From the Floor
8. review of Actions (attached to minutes)

***MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT***

**December 12, 2012**

Submitted by Becky Benner  
(December 9, 2012)

**MEMBER TOTALS for 2012**

The totals to date (December 9, 2012) include:

- Members who either joined or renewed since September 16<sup>th</sup> and whose memberships thus expire December 31, 2012.

**Residents**

Resident Individuals = 15

Resident Household = 61

Corporate = 6

Includes

0 renewals

0 new individual members

0 new household members (includes Corporate Sponsors) \*

Total = 82 resident members

**Non-Residents**

Non-resident Individual = 10

Non-resident Household = 18

Includes

0 renewals

0 new individual members

0 new household members

Total = 28 non-resident members

**2012 Total = 110 overall memberships**

**MEMBER TOTALS for 2013**

- Members who either joined or renewed since September 16<sup>th</sup> and whose memberships thus expire December 31, 2013.

**Residents**

Resident Individuals = 4

Resident Household = 12 (moved one Non-resident to Resident status)

Corporate = 2

Includes

1 renewal

1 new individual member

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1 new household member  
Total = 18 resident members

### Non-Residents

Non-resident Individual = 11  
Non-resident Household = 4  
Corporate = 4

Includes  
2 renewals  
0 new individual member  
0 new household member  
Total = 19 non-resident members

### 2013 Total = 37 overall memberships

#### ACCOMPLISHED

- Renewal letters mailed to all memberships due to expire December 31, 2012, who have *not* paid for 2013 memberships.
  - Letters not mailed to Board of Directors or Committee Chairs.
- Gardeners who reserved plot(s) in the Goshen Farm Sharing Garden (GRSG) but haven't paid GFPS memberships
  - New to GFPS and GFSG
  - Current to December 31, 2012 expiration
  - Who haven't responded to the GFSG requests that 1) plot sign-up or 2) same plot request or 3) all fees and applications due by December 1, 2012

Received green-colored reminder slips in the renewal packet: *"The Sharing Garden reminder: In order to "Get Dirty and Eat Fresh" in your plot, you must pay your Goshen Farm Preservation Society Membership fee."*

- A total of 93 letters were mailed.

#### TO DO ITEMS

- Letters to renewals and/or new members
- Update database as receive renewals and/or new memberships

## **Communications Chair Committee Report 12/10/12**

### **Accomplishments**

Website - Removed Fall Ball Slider  
Website - Created 5 Sponsor Ads  
Website - Installed New Sponsor Ads  
Website - Updated Sponsor Page  
Website - Updated Urgent Needs Item  
Email - 7th Annual Membership Meeting

### **Traffic Report**

Jun - 189  
Jul - 274  
Aug - 347  
Sep - 520  
Oct - 452  
Nov - 148

### **Planned activities or undertakings**

- Add CSC Garden Club post, and homepage slide
- Add text concerning raising funds
- Add Sharing Garden Meeting Schedule
- Fix Sponsor ad rotation error (no more "advertise here" image)
- To create a member registration page on the site that accepts PayPal based on the meeting held on 5/10/12 with Karen Bailey, Rebecca Benner, Barbara Morgan and myself. This will be the most difficult part of the overall website project.
- Continue to add content submitted from other Goshen Members to the Blog and Social Media. Several items are on the list to be added.
- Merge the Sharing Garden's Blog to the Goshen Website ([goshenfarm.org/sharinggarden](http://goshenfarm.org/sharinggarden))
- Convert the Sharing Garden Facebook Page to the official Goshen Farm facebook page (toward the end of the summer)
- Address some of the issues that Roy found on the site concerning in accurate information.

## ***Sharing Garden Report December 2012***

### **Accomplishments**

- 35 plots were renewed for the spring gardening season.
  - Two emails have been sent out to the waiting list
  - Two new plot renters have joined
  - 14 plots are available for rent (4 verbal renewals), 20 people are on the waiting list
  - The library is putting an open to the public announcement for the March meeting in the newsletter and online. this will be a great opportunity to have people learn more about goshen and ask questions.
  - Meeting space was renewed with the library for 2013
- The **Goshen** Sharing Garden monthly meetings are held in the Broadneck Library Meeting room at 7:00  
Tuesday, January 29  
Monday, February 25  
Monday, March 25  
Monday, April 22

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Thursday, May 30  
June - TBD -  
Tuesday, July 30  
Thursday, August 29  
Tuesday, September 24  
Tuesday, October 22  
November - None-  
Tuesday, December 3

### **Efforts requiring Board approval**

- Received an email about AACPS Community Challenge and was invited to be a Mentor for a program. This needs further discussion with board.

### **Future concerns or needs**

None

### **New Business**

- need to apply for walmart foundation grant.
- reply to AACPS community challenge
- **need to send out more emails to waiting list to get empty plots filled**

My name is Dick Lehr. I'm representing Maureen McMahon, Assistant Superintendent of Advanced Studies and Programs for Anne Arundel County Public Schools. I know you are a strong supporter of Historical Preservation in Anne Arundel County. In view of that, I'd like to tell you about a one semester course that's being offered at South River High School and North County High School that could benefit your organization. The course is called "COMMUNITY CHALLENGE." Its overall purpose is to provide a SERVICE to your organization and an educational experience for our students. A Student Consultant Team of two or three students would be tasked to work on your challenge problem; the project challenge will provide students experience working as a team to real deadlines and real standards of excellence with people who have entrusted them with authentic challenges found in their workplace.

Your responsibility as Mentor consists of coming up with up with the Community Challenge problem (we can provide examples); answer six questions, and we take it from there. The Student Consultant team will conduct research, analyze data, and develop solutions. A final report is presented to the Organization in oral and written form.

Your time requirements center on you or your designated contact person providing guidance via email and telephone and two one hour face to face meetings with your students.

Here are some of the people and organizations who are currently serving as Mentors or have volunteered previously as Mentors in the program: County Councilman Ladd, Linda Schuett, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Annapolis City Government, Anne Arundel County Government., Koch Homes, Sailing Hall of Fame and many others.

We hope you will consider joining the Community Challenge Family. Please see attachments for Community Challenge examples. If interested, please contact me.

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### **Grounds Committee Report**

December 12, 2012 Submitted by Roy Benner, Chairman 12/09/12 to Barbara Morgan

#### **Accomplished:**

1. Contacted Richard Luzenburg concerning his turning over the “Design” work for Goshen Farm to Rob Lowe. Richard says he is only teaching beginning courses this semester and this task requires upper level classes, therefore his turning over the project to Rob Lowe. Richard will probably still work with him. This work will probably take place in the spring semester.
2. Motion Detector Light – I originally wanted to install either a regular motion detector light or a LED style light. The regular standard fixture is approximately \$29.50 at Home Depot, but upon reading the reviews I decided against this due to the poor reviews on the motion portion of the light. The LED style light saves a great deal of electricity (18 watts versus 75 watts) but the cost is about \$280. Thus, I fell back to a regular halogen style fixture but a better quality unit. The price range goes from the cheap (\$29), to a medium quality (\$50), to the high end quality (\$80) sold by most of the electrical wholesale houses. My recommendation would be for the \$50 white two bulb, Halogen Motion Detector. I would currently place it on the front porch (electricity is currently there) and at some later date install a unit on the back of the house where an electric line would need to be run or extended.
3. My ground’s assistant (Becky) trimmed the Hydrangeas at the front of the Goshen House.
4. After the recent storm “Sandy,” the Grounds Chairman and his able assistant spent several hours removing downed branches on the House grounds. Additional branches still need to be picked up.
5. Started moving Garden Stuff and the bin holders to the new Garden Shed.
6. Water turned off and drained.
7. Developing work list for any Goshen Farm workers and for volunteers.
8. Met with Michael Maggio, Jane Cox, and Barbara Morgan of MJMCR Construction and Repair, Friday morning to discuss Demolition and Lead Abatement at Goshen Frame House. A very nice gentleman!
9. A slow month once again for the Grounds Chairman and work at the Farm.

#### **Needs Accomplishing:**

1. Short Term:
  - a. Install new “B” Board on the ceiling of the side porch. This will complete most of the exterior work needed on the Goshen Farm House.
  - b. Maintaining grass and grounds.
  - c. Remove two downed Cherry trees in the lower field as a result of the “Derecho,” of June 29th.
2. Purchase wood, stain, and install ceiling on side porch.
3. Install motion sensor spot light(s) on the Farm House.
4. Develop a planting Master Plan for the immediate area around the Farm House

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### 5. Long Term:

- a. Large tree near the Servant's Quarter's, Site #8, should be removed at some point (If it falls, the roots will destroy the Servant's Quarters). Removal also of another large vine-covered tree located to the south and west of the Sharing Garden. Both should be removed for safety reasons.
- b. The Maple Tree, at the south-east corner of the Farm House, has a large overhanging branch, which should be removed. The large branch cable system is no longer affording any protection, to the Farm House.
- c. Construct a brick patio for sitting within the entrance of the Sharing Garden. Bricks are being gathered.
- d. Develop a master plan for the grounds (trees, open areas, parking, paths, perennial garden, Sharing Garden, other areas of use, and maintenance of the forgoing).
- e. Develop plan to attack and control rampant growth of vines that stragulate growing trees.

### **Needs Approval:**

1. **Using goats to clear three small areas for rampant vines. The goats will be free (Friend of Becky's).**
  - a. **Area around the "Spring" (pond) for opening this area up, like historic photographs show.**
  - b. **Area where original barn and silo once stood, to show footprint of historic barn.**
  - c. **Area just north of Sharing Garden and slightly behind and north of Servant's Quarters for possible expansion of the Sharing Garden.**

### **New Business:**

None suggested at this time.