Ruff’ton Roots Community Garden Meeting Minutes

Rutherfordton, NC

January 12th, 2021

5:30 PM – 7 PM

## A. Welcoming

## B. Ongoing Garden Updates

1. Funding Updates & News

a. Sponsorships are ongoing

b. 2021 Performance Report

i. Household Servings Donated: 1,335

ii. Pounds of Food: 843.4

iii. Value of Food: $2,969

iv. Volunteer Hours: 1,829

c. As of 1/10/2022:

i. 10-4300-6410 has $42,730.74

ii. We have spent $5,949.26 YTD

iii. $30,000 is the RHI Legacy Grant for master planning and refrigeration

C. Future Plans

1. Future Meetings: \*Communicate through email about dates and gatherings\*

a. January 22nd- 11am-12 Workday, pulling tarps over mowed cover crop

b. February 8th- 5:30pm Monthly Meeting & Master Planning Session

c. February 19th- Community Garden Leadership Academy

2. Community Garden Leadership Academy

a. February 19th, March 5th, April 2nd

- The Community Garden Leadership Academy is a free 2.5-day intensive training for community garden leaders, covering community building skills and basic horticulture.  
  
Read more at: <https://mcdowell.ces.ncsu.edu/2022/01/western-community-garden-leadership-academy-spring-2022/>

UPDATE: THIS EVENT REGISTRATION IS FULL

3. Garden Progress Report

a. Dot Presentation

-Circular garden with walking paths

-children’s area with freedom to dig and interact

-bamboo inspired aesthetic

-In pursuit of weather resistant, creative, and economical information tags

Magnolia will check the liability of bamboo structure for arbors and trellises

Magnolia will try to find out who is cutting the big log at the garden? Can we make it into a bench?

b. Fire Ants- Boiling water method in January proved unrealistic. It takes 3 gallons of boiling water to kill maybe 60% of a hill. Next approach will be biodegradable natural products: EcoDust and Boric Acid.

c. Cover Crop is set to be mowed after before January 21st, Cover with silage tarp, will take 6-8 weeks to break down in time for March 16th planting

d. When do we want to start the spring season!?

Please fill out the [Scheduling Doodle Poll](https://doodle.com/poll/6ntitphdnh4i2kds?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link&fbclid=IwAR1DA2eLiIj_7a_hHc_gss6vh__clD8fTZBCIXXnK1lLyHPcT89aRZpPTOU) in regards to choosing regular workdays and times for the coming season. Be open to changing it up if it broadens participation.

e. [Article on Lenoir Community Garden](http://caldwelljournal.com/gardeners-grow-thousands-of-pounds-of-produce-at-city-of-lenoir-community-gardens/?fbclid=IwAR32P0Kevn0-4nkBHZ4NevAx9ugIr3odg-muRFvJAaP6LqFvPlGeh9bebrM)

4. Blessing Box @ Ruff’ton Roots- Leadership Rutherford Class is set to build the box in February

a. Magnolia will update everyone as soon as a date has been set. Volunteers are welcome to come make this a workday

5. Volunteer Discussion and requests

a. Disc Golf Basket repair requested

b. Volunteer Cards with QR code requested

c. Sunday “free form” volunteer hours requested to work at your leisure with minor guidance.

d. Request for power box with outlet for electrical tools on project days

e. Can we use the remainder of the log to craft a bench? Can it be moved?

6. Master Planning

a. Mission Statement Proposal: To grow healthy food, healthy people and healthy

communities.

b. Vision Statement Proposal: To ensure and empower a food secure community.

7. Up Next

a. Our February 8th meeting will cover programming and outreach, start brainstorming!

D. Adjourn**.**

\*\*If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Magnolia or Lindy!

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