

WILLIAMSTOWN GARDEN CLUB
August 10, 2021 GENERAL MEETING
1:00 P.M. Wild Acres

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Karen Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 1 pm. The minutes from the June 8, 2021 meeting have been posted on the Club website. The field trip scheduled for July 13, 2021 was cancelled due to inclement weather.
2. WELCOME: Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting. In attendance today were 19 members and 3 guests. A special thank you was given to member Judy FitzGerald for welcoming us to her home and natural garden, Wild Acres.
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
 - A. The plant sale will be held on September 18 at the Milne Library lawn; this is a change from the original date. This date is confirmed with the Library and falls after the Jewish holidays. The planting party will be on Wednesday, September 15 at Karen's home. We have found there is a shortage of clay pots so members are asked to donate pots now so we have them available at the planting party. We may have to resort to use of plastic pots.
 - B. There was a follow-up discussion about the upkeep of the Milne Library grounds (other than the STO). At our last discussion, member Susan Hyde nicely offered to draft a letter for the Board's consideration. Karen shared her thanks to everyone all for the email comments and information. After reflection and consultation with the board, Karen believes that it is not in the WGC interest to intervene in this issue. Karen noted that the Club has benefitted from very good relations with the Director (and our sale is coming up on the Milne grounds). Karen suggests that it may be a better option for members to write on their own behalf to the Trustees or the Friends as they choose. Individual members can certainly make mention of the activities of the Club in the STO and the contrast, or whatever else seems appropriate.
 - C. The September 14 general member meeting has been cancelled, and our Annual meeting has been changed to October 12. Karen noted that September is full with the plant sale and planting party and we have been unable to secure a speaker program for October 12. Kathy McKnight is checking with St John's for availability.
4. NEW BUSINESS: Members enjoyed a picnic lunch and tour with history of Wild Acres and discussion led by Judy FitzGerald. A brief informal program was held with Maria Siskind sharing some jumping worms for a show and tell and Diane VanKempen giving a very informative talk about ticks and special repellent clothing to consider. A paper on the subject will be distributed by email or as a link in a Constant Contact.
5. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: none
6. NEXT MEETING DATE: Our next meeting will be our Annual Meeting on October 12, 2021. This will be a pot luck luncheon coordinated by Betty Iannitelli and Linda Dragat.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Submitted by
Susan Montiel
Recording Secretary