



TOWN OF THOMPSON

Garden By the River

In Memory of Harriet A. Tourtellotte
A Subcommittee of the
Economic Development Commission

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- Anne suggests that if the plot rental cost proves prohibitive for some members of TEEG's clientele, they may be able to provide some subsidies.
- Tyra suggests a strategy of pairing "elders with youngers", matching the youth gardeners to seniors at the Housing Authority apartments of Carriage Square
- Judy suggests making up posters (as opposed to individual flyers for mailboxes) to distribute to those apartment complexes.
- Jess points out that the Scouts are delivering Easter bags to the Housing Authority residents. She will add flyers to those. That hits 70 individual seniors. Tyra will find a way to get 70 vegetable seed packets donated & delivered to Jess to make up those bags with the flyers by 1 April. If a seed company can't be found to make a direct donation, Tyra will pick those up as a personal donation.

3. Tourtellotte Trust Meeting

- Tyra provides a synopsis of the presentation regarding the master plan for 65 Main Street to the Tourtellotte Trust. The Trustees have sent her a list of questions to answer regarding the plan, and her response will be sent over on Friday 26 Feb. The response includes the complete master plan, the specific answers to Trustee questions and a documentary history of the properties, the past debates regarding the property and projections of costs & potential sources of income.
- USDA Rural Business Development Grant is open through 31 March. If there is a positive response from the Trust, it may be possible to submit for a construction grant. Otherwise Tyra will likely submit a grant to support program development.

4. What garden prep is needed?

- The property was left in very good shape at the end of 2020. Some solution for when the shed is moved to Riverside Park needs to be found.
- Some discussion about whether Mike Joyce and his tech program can provide something like a bin. The only commonly held tools would be whatever is received from the grant award & the water pack
- Composter needs to be assembled, set up and secured.
- Jess points out that there may be an opportunity for tech program kids in the work-study program to provide in-kind labor as a match for a construction grant for 65 Main.

5. Volunteer needs ahead of opening?

- Site is very clean and likely needs very little additional volunteer action until an event is planned on the site. Recommend making event planning an agenda item for March meeting.