Medford Community Garden Commission 28 February 2023

Attending: Amanda Bowen, Rebecca Stevenson, Brian Duran, Lisa Risley, Sandra Arena, Katie Woodward, Susan Schmidt

Missituk Garden: Katie and Susan outlined the ideas they have for the revamped Missituk School garden. They plan to create an outdoor learning space with rough seating (stumps) and perhaps table surfaces in addition to five small garden beds filled with pollinator plants.

We discussed the Friends purchasing the beds from Vego Garden and the rest being covered by PTO funds. The Tufts Pollinator Group will advise. Wood chips are available from the DPW in two different grades for paths. The fence needs repair and Amanda will consult with DPW about repair or replacement. One issue is that the spigot is across the driveway; it would be helpful to have a hose bib next to the garden but there may be staffing issues to maintain this.

Web site: Rebecca has been updating our web site. Brian is willing to help with a revised map and Amanda will update the history section.

Seed swap: We agreed that it would be good to hold a seed swap and Riz has the materials including envelopes and pens. Amanda will consult the library about finding a space to hold it on a Saturday afternoon in March/April.

Winthrop/National Grid: To our great relief, the National Grid project due to work through the Winthrop Garden has been postponed until at least 2028.

Other gardens: The Andrews School Garden still needs a sign and wood chips for the paths; we have not heard from teachers to date. Amanda will confirm whether community gardeners from last summer are returning. Brian noted that he has repaired many of the garden beds at Brooks and they are being used. The Tufts fence still needs repair. Amanda will check in with Tim at DPW about this.

New garden assignments: There are three vacancies at McNally and Winthrop; results are not in for Tufts. Brian will begin to work through the list in March.