

**Needham Garden Club Board Minutes**  
**September 13, 2016**  
**(16 Board Members present)**

**Acting President Anne Carlson** called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. She thanked Martha Schleck for being her Co-Hostess today.

**Recording Secretary Mary Toran** previously emailed the minutes of the June 7 Board Meeting to the Board. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

**Corresponding Secretary Nina Saltus** had nothing to report.

**Treasurer Martha Schleck** provided an up-to-date Treasurer's Report to the Board. The beginning checkbook balance was \$23,312.79; cash on hand \$280.00, for a total of \$23,592.79. Total income was \$45.00; total expenses for the month, \$1,048.36, leaving a checkbook balance of \$22,309.43 with \$280.00 in the cash box. Martha has changed the color of the vouchers to "lilac."

**Community Outreach Co-Chair Diana Conroy** reported Garden Therapy begins at Briarwood on Thursday, October 20, at 10:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet was circulated. While watering at Noyes Park this summer, Carol Alper was approached by a neighbor who offered the use of their water hose in the future. It was agreed that Diana would deliver a bouquet of flowers to the kind neighbor.

**Flower Arranging Co-Chair Anne Carlson** reported the first Club mixer in October is a "Tablescape" and the theme is "Fall Wine Tasting." A sign-up sheet was started and when completed at the September 20 General Meeting, groups will be formed.

**Horticulture Co-Chair Cathie Cummings** announced the September 20 Horticulture Corner theme will be any flowers, leaves, plants and/or fruit from our gardens. Cathie announced that she no longer plans to organize and run the Spring Plant Sale due to a lack of interest on the part of club members. After much discussion, it was decided to form a sub-committee to discuss the future of the plant sale. Apologies were made to Cathie and her Committee for the hard work and long hours put into planning and executing the sale.

**Membership Co-Chair Bonnie Waters** announced a new member, Joyce Morgan, will join Community Outreach, and Diana suggested Debbie Wentworth as her mentor. **Co-Chair Sally Toran** reminded the Hospitality Committee to have a "Greeter" at the door next Tuesday.

**Hospitality Co-Chair Mary Toran** reported a new coffee urn has been purchased for use at the Library. Sandwiches for the October 18 Members-Only Luncheon will be purchased at Hazel's Bakery and a sign-up up for the luncheon was passed around.

**Newsletter:** Deadline for the November/December Newsletter is October 10.

**Program Co-Chair Lori Markell** announced the first program this year is September 20. Trish Umbrell of the Natick Community Organic Farm will be the presenter.

**Publicity Chair Gail Davis** reported the local papers have been very cooperative.

**Ways & Means Co-Chair Martha Schleck** announced she and **Co-Chair Janice Berns** are going to Jacobson's tomorrow for holiday decorations.

**Website Co-Chair Nancy Agler** reported our website, [www.needhamgardenclub.com](http://www.needhamgardenclub.com), is working. Nancy had several questions regarding names, captions, Facebook, etc. She would like to form a website committee to help her maintain and improve the site as we go along, especially someone to help edit. **Publicity Chair Gail Davis** would like a blurb to put in the paper so people will know how to reach us.

**Yearbook Co-Editor Nina Saltus** asked us to correct Janice Berns' email address in the Yearbook.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Submitted by Mary Toran, Recording Secretary

Present: Bonnie Waters, Anne Carlson, Karen Taggart, Nina Saltus, Martha Schleck, Gail Davis, Fawn Hurwitz, Lori Markell, Diana Conroy, Cathy Flaherty, Nancy Agler, Mary Toran, Lynne Braley, Sally Toran, Eileen Mecagni and Cathie Cummings.