



Paxton, MA Garden Club

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Grants Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Sept. 10, 2024

Attendees:

Sara Root-Simone, Robin Tasca, Martha Aksin, Kathy Lucey & Janis Gage

1. Welcome members Attendees:

- a. Kathy Dow, Pam Fitzgerald, Melissa Bloom, would like to join the subcommittee, but are unable to attend tonight.
- b. Rhonni Pender-Cudlip and Julie White had conflicts and could not make tonight's meeting as well.

2. Completed Ideas:

- a. Floral Fridays - raised \$892 over 8 weeks. Next year start the week after Memorial Day/ and sell at Annual Plant sale
- b. Bulb order fundraisers - Sara researched and the return is not great. Decided to pass

3. Upcoming / In Process Ideas:

- a. Bank grant requests - Julie working on this but unable to make it to meeting 2-3 banks likely to solicit.
 - b. [Savers Fundrive](#) - Sara explained how the program works (collection)
 - i. Plan for Earth Day 2025
 - ii. Go with single collection date
 - iii. Robin to source free box truck, otherwise cost is approx. \$75
 - c. [Plant America Grant](#) - for irrigation on the town common project
 - i. Up to \$2000 cash for projects
 - ii. **Application DUE 1015/24, reviewed in Dec. awarded in Jan.-Feb.**
 - iii. Robin is getting an updated quote for irrigation project
 - iv. Propose to local excavating companies (Conti Excavating and Dig n' Deep) to see if they will donate labor
 - v. Robin & Martha work on
 - d. Business Letter Campaign - group crafted a letter to send to area businesses for money. Group will continue populating the letter with the businesses and we will regroup to do a mailing (stuffing/stamping). Date TBD but soon as possible
 - i. [Template here](#)
 - ii. List of Businesses in [Paxton and surrounding area here](#)
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- e. Flower Show at RML
 - i. Sept. 2025
 - ii. Join fundraiser with Friends of RML
 - iii. Same concept as WAM Flora in Winter
 - iv. Thinking Thurs. Night would be opening night (ticketed event) with refreshments and live demo by Joan Laracy
 - v. Fri & Sat would be open to the public through library regular hours
 - vi. Entrants would be PMAGC members only
 - vii. Judges - RML Trustees (Trustees Choice), Peoples Choice and Official Flower shows judges (1st - 3rd)
- 4. Set the next meeting date & Adjourn meeting
 - a. We were unable to select the next meeting date. Will do via email.

For Reference

Previous Grants applied for:

- b. Country Bank Sept. 2023 asked for \$10K, received \$500
- c. Cornerstone Bank Oct. 2023 asked for \$5K, received \$500
- d. Fidelity Bank - Sept. 2023 asked for \$650, no response
- e. Paxton Cultural Council Nov. 2023 asked for \$1200, did not receive
- f. Big Y Nov. 2022 \$50 GC, Feb. 2023 \$25
- g. Market Basket Sept. 2023 \$25 GC

Grants to Research:

- h. GCFM / NEGC / NGC
 - i. AIB
 - j. <https://www.cfra.org/publications/grant-application-guide-rural-communities>
 - k. <https://www.cfra.org/sites/default/files/publications/Grant%20Application%20Guide%20WEB.pdf>
 - l. Mass.gov
 - m. Klems
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- n. Walmart
- o. Other
