

# Rutland County Master Gardeners' Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2025

The Rutland County Master Gardeners' meeting was held on February 17, 2025 at the Godnick Center in person and via zoom.

Steering team members present were: Jan Sherman, Patti Westburg, Deb Bieg, Margery Salmon, Judy Nevin, Al Jackson, Rich Carlson, Rita Gylys and Carol Kluchinski.

Master Gardeners' and interns present were:

Liz Morton Gallo, Jim Corven, Karen Kay, Jean Stowell, Lynn DesMarais, Pierre LaFrance, Shawn DuBois, Linda Barnard, Diane Nadon, Mary Ashcroft, Larry Springsteen and Gwen Moreland.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 20, 2025 secretary's report.

Deb Bieg gave the treasurer's report. Jan Sherman accepted the treasurer's report.

Jan Sherman talked about the steering team roles that she had sent out in an email. She is still looking for someone to help her out as a co-chair. Lynn DesMarais has offered to help Kathy Hall out with the speaker program. Thank you, Lynn for volunteering. Liz Morton Gallo and Karen Kay have offered to help when needed with the zoom meetings for technical support. Thank you also for volunteering.

Upcoming Educational Programming was discussed. Kathy Hall was absent from tonight's meeting. She will give more information at the next meeting. In March there will be a hands-on demonstration on starting seeds in containers at the Godnick Center on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. In April, Nancy Bernier and Mary Ashcroft will do a power point on indoor gardening with houseplants.

Mary Ashcroft talked about the project she is doing at Rutland Town School with the 7<sup>th</sup> graders. In the spring she will be working with the kids on propagation and seed starting.

Tonight, the speaker was Cynthia Moulton and the topic was about pesticides.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Next meeting will be on March 17, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Westburg - EMG 2012