

Rutland County Master Gardeners' Meeting - Minutes from October 20, 2025

The Rutland County Master Gardeners' meeting was held on October 20, 2025 at the Godnick Center in person. Jan Sherman started the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Steering team members present were: Patti Westburg, Jan Sherman, Jerri Hoffman, Deb Bieg, Liz Gallo, Rich Carlson, Karen Kay, Rita Gyls, Al Jackson, Judy Nevin, Margery Salmon and Kathy Hall

Master Gardeners' and interns present were: Rose Czapor, Jean Stowell, Anne Awad, Lynn Gould, Mac Slivka, Althea Derstine, Gwen Moreland, Zach Eastman, Katie Dixon, Linda McGuire, Ron Hebert and Mary Ashcroft. Deb Heleba also attended our meeting.

This was our annual potluck appreciation dinner. Jan Sherman thanked all the project leaders and volunteers for all their hard work this year.

New certified composters are: Liz Gallo, Katie Dixon, Gwen Mooreland and Mac Slivka.

Deb Bieg gave a proposed budget for next year. It was reviewed and a motion was made to accept the steering teams recommendations for the 2026 budget. It was also seconded for approval. The budget for 2026 was passed.

Kathy Hall discussed changing the time of the speaker program. The regular meetings will stay the same with a start time of 6:00 p.m. The speaker program will start at 6:45 p.m. unless there is a technical problem.

Deb Heleba gave an update of the UVM Extension program. The Master Gardeners' course price will stay the same and registration will start in November. Rutland County Master Gardeners' will offer four scholarships of \$250.00.

The state conference will be on November 22 starting at 10:00-3:00 p.m. online. It will be virtual and recorded to watch at another time for your convenience. Registration is \$40.00 Rutland County Master Gardeners will be reimbursed \$20.00 from their chapter after they register and send their receipt to Deb Bieg. Heleba spoke of changes that have occurred on her end and things to come. She thanked all that either lead a project or all who volunteer and the importance of making sure that you put your volunteer hours in.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. There will be no meetings until the new year in January 2026,

Happy Holidays and a Happy New year!

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Westburg EMG 2012