The Rutland County Master gardeners’ meeting was held on February 17, 2020 at the Godnick Center. Sarah Gallagher started the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Steering team members present were: Patti Westburg, Jan Sherman, Sarah Gallagher, Rose Czapor, Margery Salmon, Judy Nevin, Deb Bieg and Sandy Kuehn.

Master gardeners’ present were: Joe Whitehead, Al Jackson and Judy Fuller. Cindy Heath also attended.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the secretary’s report from January 20, 2020.

Deb Bieg gave the treasurer’s report. A motion was made to approve the treasurer’s report and seconded.

Rose Czapor gave an update on the speaker program. The March speaker will be Judy Hall topic will be raingardens. April will be Chuck Helfer topic will be chasing wildflowers photography. June speaker will be on composting with Candy Lane and Carl Diehl.

There was some discussion on the State conference and it will be announced soon when and where it will be. Cindy Heath spoke about it but nothing has been decided yet.

Garden in every town project was approved by UVM last fall. Margery Salmon and Judy Nevin will be the project leaders for that project. There is some interest among some of the master gardeners to do this project in their towns. As soon as Margery and Judy put the details together, they will get back to the group. There is money in the budget to support this approved project.

Jan Sherman gave a brief update on doing a chapter history of the Rutland County Master Gardeners’. There was discussion if anybody really wants to have this done it will be brought up again at a later time.

Cindy Heath gave an update on the project leader volunteer appreciation gifts. It will be held at the Earth Star Pottery in Hartland. She has enough volunteers to make the ornaments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker was Rebecca and Joe Pimentel from Luce Farm in Stockbridge and the topic was growing hemp in Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Westburg-2012