

Recommendation to the Millinocket Town Council

# **COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT**

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Sustainability Committee

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## Cover Page

### **1. Committee Name**

- a. Sustainability Committee

### **2. Summary of Recommendation**

- a. The Sustainability Committee recommends that the Millinocket Town Council pass the Order included in this document to accept donated materials from Sterns Lumber to build a community garden at Crandall's Park.

### **3. All Meeting Dates the Particular Issue was Discussed**

- a. 4/13/21, 8/18/21, 11/10/21, 4/6/22

### **4. Public Input Presented from the Community**

- a.

### **5. Vote from the Committee**

- a.



## Project Background

### ORIGINS

The Sustainability Committee had taken up the issue of community gardens after members of the public had expressed long-standing interest. Additionally, the Millinocket Food Sustainability Action Plan created by Meagan Collins in 2021 (6-month internship for the Town) had recommended community gardens as a key component to building community resilience.

### NEXT STEPS

The Sustainability Committee had identified property at Crandall's Park as being an ideal location for the garden due to visibility, accessibility and proximity to a water source. Once a site was identified, the Sustainability Committee created a garden plan, which includes fencing, raised beds and water pump to serve as the needed infrastructure for the garden. Sterns Lumber offered to donate all fencing materials to the project. The Age Friendly Committee then took on the social component of the project, where community involvement, plot designations, events, etc. were to be developed. Jane Danforth worked with Patricia Oh, Age-Friendly Liaison, ARRP Livable/Maine to secure funds from the Maine Community Foundation in the amount of \$2000 to pay for expenses beyond fencing. As an age-friendly community partner, the Library holds those funds for the project. Volunteers have been identified for building the garden on Earth Day, April 22, 2022.



## Recommended Order

ORDER # \_\_\_\_\_ PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF COMMUNITY GARDEN

WHEREAS the Sustainability Committee has identified community gardens as being a crucial component to building social capital, community cohesion, food resilience and educational opportunities for all ages; and,

WHEREAS Crandall's Park was identified as a suitable site for the community garden; and,

WHEREAS Sterns Lumber of Millinocket has offered to donate all fencing materials for the project, and other operating materials are offered to be donated through fundraising efforts of the Age Friendly Committee via the Millinocket Memorial Library; and,

WHEREAS the Age Friendly Committee and AmeriCorps members have combined efforts to manage the programming, plot designations and community involvement of the gardens,

IT IS NOW ORDERED that a community garden be established at Crandall's Park and the Town accepts the said donation of materials for the construction and operation of the community garden.

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## Supporting Documentation

Map of proposed Community Garden Location

