



Town of Abington  
SAGE Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2015

**Members Present:** Lurane Ryerson, Jennie Brown, Terry Maze  
Gerard MacLellan, Shelley Vaugine

**Guest:** Karen & Warren Elliott, Rich Hanna, Dana Leonard, Daleann Alwalt, Maryann Pappacino

Meeting called to order @ 6:30

**Minutes:**

Lurane motioned, Terri seconded approval of March 19, 2015 4/0/6

**E-Waste Day**

Great success - filled 5 truck loads of assorted e-waste items.

Food pantry donations- received enough product to fill 1/2 of a box truck.

Also received an estimated \$500.00 for the party

**National Grid/Energy Source**

Gerard/Lurane - met with Energy Source/National Grid Vendor to discuss upgrading current lighting to LED lights for an estimated 14 town buildings. Savings to town/ LED last up to 10 years.

Checking to see if they can insulate the Senior Center

Discussed upgrading public (790) Street Lights- change to LED

Private lights will need permission from home owners in order to change.

**SAGE Web site**

Jennie to work with Wayne Norling on SAGE's site

**Farmers Market**

Donation of flag monies - give back to donor?

January 15th didn't have quorum only discussion

Out grown SAGE - started as a learning (educational) tool for the market.

Insurance carried under SAGE

Needs to be a SAGE member in order to be covered under SAGE insurance

Not under SAGE each vendor will need own permit/insurance

Shelley spoke with Susanne (senior center) and Richard Lafond (town manger) to setup at the senior center on Summer Street.

Shelley setting up a meeting with vendors for April 22nd to discuss the market.

**Vote to release Farmers Market from SAGE**

Lurane motion, Terry 2nd 5/0/5

### Community Garden

Garden application on web site

Open Dates - May 24th to October 11th

GMO free plants & seeds

Rich Hanna offer to maintain the garden by mowing the aisles

Bill Davis -offered to plow the garden and turn over at the end of season.

Extending the size of the garden by 150 to 200 feet.

Discussed water, hoses, shading, camera

Will need extra fencing. Looking for donation

Lurane sending out emails to past gardeners

Setting up a private FB page for gardeners to talk on issues, and/or thoughts.

Setting up a meeting on Tuesday May 5th, for the gardeners to sign up and discuss any issues and/ or concerns they might have.

### Table

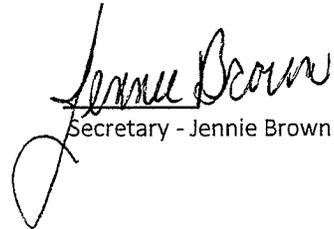
Discuss moving meeting from 6:30 to 7:00 PM

### SAGE next meeting

Wednesday, May 20th

7:30 pm Terry motioned to adjourn, and Shelley seconded

  
Co- Chairperson - Lurane Ryerson

  
Secretary - Jennie Brown