

**City of Somerville  
Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes – Final Approved  
October 27, 2004**

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- I. Meeting opened** at Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (SPCD) conference room, 3rd floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, at 8:08 pm.

Present were: Conservation Commission (CC) members John Reinhardt, Michael Fager, Chair, Delia Kaye and Lisa Brukilacchio and Stephen Winslow of SPCD. Also present was Gretchen Kinder.

- II. Minutes from Last Meeting:** No Action

**III. New Business**

1. Community Garden Coordinator: the Commission met with Gretchen Kinder of Somerville to consider her for the part-time position of Community Garden Coordinator. Gretchen lives near Teele Square and has been active with the Conwell Community Garden. Recently she has become the coordinator for that garden so she is very familiar with what's involved in running the gardens. Further discussion of her interest and what the coordinator will do ensued.

Motion by Lisa B: To authorize the execution of a contract with Gretchen Kinder to be the City of Somerville's Community Garden Coordinator for a sum of \$600, \$300 upfront and \$300 at year end.

Seconded by John R.

Approved unanimously

**IV. Old Business**

1. Glen Garden (at the Capauno School): The soil at the replacement garden has very poor quality. There's a need to add organics (~18 yd<sup>3</sup>) and lime. DPW (Frank Santangelo and Steve) would be willing to do the work. The cost of the organics and lime is several thousand dollars.
2. Durrell Garden: Snow Storage by Modern Continental resulted in contamination (?). Charlie O'Brien has been asked to contact Modern to correct the problem.

**V. Comments / Suggestions**

1. Lisa B. and John R. commented that more composting should be done in November in order to avoid the springtime craziness at the gardens.
2. Need for website design. Hansen Memorial Garden needs to be removed

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Winslow, SPCD