



# Weymouth Garden Club

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## WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

### MEMBER MEETING

DATE: February 13, 2021

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. EDT, by Yoshie Picciotto, President, in a virtual setting via zoom. Yoshie welcomed all members to the meeting.

Invocation: Given by Anne Nicholas

If you spend time  
sowing  
growing  
fields of flowers  
in your heart,  
you will always  
have a flower  
to give  
to one in need.

And when you are  
the one in need  
you can hold  
a flower  
from a garden  
that no one  
can see  
but grows  
inside of you.

**Amy Ludwig VanDerwater**, *Heart Garden*

Secretary’s Report: Anne Nichols was not able to attend.

Treasurer’s Report: Karen DeTellis gave an accounting of funds on hand.

Penny Pines: Total funds are \$144. The club will proceed with the purchase of 2 acres in the names of Jean Berg and Suzanne Sullivan at a cost of \$136 (\$68/acre).

Town of Weymouth Scholarship Fund: A check for \$1,000 will be paid out for a scholarship for a single recipient.

Contribution to Father Bill’s Place: A gift of \$25 was made recently in memory of Anne Nichols’ husband Brian. Anne sent a thank you to the club for the gift.

### Committee Updates:

Donations: Charlotte Delaney has begun collecting funds from members for a donation to the Weymouth Food Pantry. Checks payable to the Weymouth Food Pantry should be sent to Charlotte.

Library Arrangements: Yoshie contacted the library and was told that the library would welcome flower arrangements at the main library. Several members at the meeting expressed interest in providing arrangements. Michelle will coordinate going forward.

Membership: Donna Schiller reported that one application was sent to a prospective member.

Helping Hands: Adele Barcelo is no longer able to chair the committee. Libby McDonald has volunteered to head the committee with help from Martha Slocum.

Historian: Michelle and others discussed the distinctions between the Abigail Adams rose and the York rose. WGC commissioned the Abigail Adams rose variety, which has small pink flowers and can be seen growing at the Abigail Adams Green. The York rose, which has small white flowers, was brought home from Europe by Abigail Adams and planted at the Adam's Mansion. There has been a York rose climbing bush at the Abigail Smith Adams Birthplace for many years. The York rose at the birthplace was established from a cutting of the original plant growing at the mansion. Yoshie suggested that the Abigail Adams rose could be propagated to sell at the plant sale.

Weymouth 400 Celebration: The town will celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wessagussett Settlement next year. In conjunction with the celebration, Anne Nicholas offered an idea to plant a medicinal herb garden at the Abigail Adams Green. The herbs would be a selection of those used in colonial times.

Weymouth Garden Club 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: The anniversary will take place in April of this year. Because of COVID restrictions, there will be no formal event to commemorate the anniversary.

Meeting Program: Rebecca Warner, our guest speaker, presented a program titled, "Four Steps to an Earth Friendly Garden. Rebecca spoke about the environmental benefits of individuals making their own mulch, compost, and potting soil and her methods of doing so. Several members inquired about purchasing Rebecca's book, "The Sustainable-Enough Garden." Barbara McCarty agreed to organize purchase of the book for those interested.

March Program: Anne Nicholas will discuss herb drying methods and will combine her talk with a slide show. Donna Schiller will make a dried flower arrangement and talk about drying flowers.

Donna Schiller, substituting for Secretary Anne Nichols