**POLICY**

Subject: Community Garden Policy

The HMC Community Garden is available to all members for deer-proof gardening while enhancing community spirit and the aesthetic beauty for all islanders to enjoy. To ensure deer-proof gardening the gates will be kept locked and all gardeners will get a gate key. Either vegetables and/or flowers may be planted.

**Plot Availability**

Plot availability will be published annually in the Beachcomber. All gardeners must request assignment of a plot through the Community Garden coordinator by the deadline set forth in the Beachcomber. Returning gardeners will continue to use the plot they had the previous year unless a more desirable plot has been vacated. New gardeners will be assigned a plot on a first-come basis. Multiple plots may be assigned when there are fewer gardeners than plots. All requests for a plot will be honored before multiple plots are permitted. In an event that a plot is temporarily looked after by someone other than the assigned gardener, unless it is voluntarily relinquished, that plot remains with the original gardener.

**Conditions of Use**

1. All gardeners accept responsibility for the upkeep of their assigned plot, including maintenance of the path area bordering their plot, clean up and disposal of weeds, water use, and litter patrol.
2. Gardeners may construct elevated growing boxes within their plots and decorate their plots with garden ornaments.
3. All ornaments must be removed when a gardener does not expect to request a plot in the upcoming year.
4. Annual expenses, such as hose replacements and keys, will be shared by all gardeners.

This policy supersedes all previous policies on this topic.

Signature on file in the HMC Office 11-14-2020

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