

# **Goss Farm Community Garden Plots**

## **2024**

Community Garden plots are being offered for the thirteenth year at Goss Farm. We expect plots to be available by May 30<sup>th</sup> and could be earlier depending on weather conditions. Plots are available to Rye residents, with one assigned to each family, and you will be notified by Mark Epply, Garden Coordinator to set up a time for all gardeners to complete garden set up. A fee of \$35.00 will be due once contacted by the Rye Conservation Commission/Community Gardener to offset water and garden support costs.

Due to the sensitive resources surrounding the farm and intent to promote sustainable agriculture, the Conservation Commission expects all participants to use ONLY organic pesticides and fertilizers. Water will be shared, and watering should occur before 10 am and after 4 pm. Water must be turned off after each use. An electric solar fence surrounds the entire plot area and must be closed and turned on after each use.

If there is very high demand for garden plots, we may have to move to a lottery system in order to keep the opportunity fair. If you are chosen for a plot, you will have to agree to all terms of use. It is expected that at least 10 hours (total) of volunteer work will be completed at the farm prior to establishing individual plots and after harvest/clean-up day. Fence management is also expected, as weeds or vegetables growing into the fence will short it out. A donation plot will be set up and assistance with weeding/watering is appreciated. Encouraging gardeners with any additional or left over produce from plots to be donated is also important. A method to gather and distribute excess produce will be created.

Please fill out the following, or pick one up at the Select Board office, and leave the signed form with the Executive Assistant of the Select Board:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (h): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (c): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Forms are available at the Town Offices and Town Website. Any questions may be directed to Mark Epply, Garden Coordinator at [mepply@comcast.net](mailto:mepply@comcast.net) or contact Sally King of the Rye Conservation Commission at [sally.ryeconservation@gmail.com](mailto:sally.ryeconservation@gmail.com). Thank you for your interest & participation!

**\*\*Applications will be accepted in the Selectmen's Office  
beginning April 1, 2024\*\***