

## **Nelson Agricultural Commission**

Minutes of Meeting October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Olivia Rodham Memorial Library - Nelson

Members Present: *Val Van Meier, Jacqueline Roland, Judi Lang, and Barbara Voymas.*

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Minutes of 10/7/2015 meeting accepted as read.
3. Members reviewed their October 17<sup>th</sup> Farm Tour. Barbara Voymas told the Commission about a young family that stopped by Barbara Fraser's farm. The family had been considering getting some farm animals. After seeing how much their kids enjoyed being around the animals on Barbara's farm, they decided that they were definitely going to get animals of their own. Commission members agreed that stories like that made the Farm Tour a success. Val reported on the hayride at John Bunce's farm, which occurred at the end of the Farm Tour. The hayride was a big hit; children and adults enjoyed touring John's scenic property in the hay wagon. Members discussed ways that the tour could be improved in future years, including better publicity and clearer mapping/signage for participating farms.
4. Val reported that she submitted the Commission's 2016 budget to the selectmen by the budget draft deadline. The proposed 2016 Ag Com budget is \$300. The budget breaks down to \$100 for printing and copying expenses, \$150 for speakers and educational programs, and \$50 for miscellaneous expenses.
5. Members discussed plans for an Ag Com information table at the November 7<sup>th</sup> Celebrate Nelson Event. Jacqueline agreed to watch the table during the event and talk to attendees about ideas for the Commission's upcoming 2016 lecture series.
6. The Commission reviewed presentation options for their 2016 lecture series. They agreed to research lecture ideas individually and report back at the Commission's December meeting.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Jacqueline Roland, secretary.