

Agriculture Commission Minutes, Nelson, NH.

Wed. March 6, 2024 7pm

Attendance: Val Van Meier, Pat Rich, Mare-Anne Jarvela John Bunce

Guest: Aleha Norton

Review and comments on Lecture series:

Geoff Jones, forester was interesting and competent but ideally should have left more time for questions.

Ralph Caster has assured he is building a mini trebuchet and will show it to students at the Nelson School by May. This should encourage students to grow a gourd of some type that can be catapulted to a distant destination at the fall Farmers Market when a larger trebuchet also built by Ralph, will be available for a contest to be determined. It was mentioned at the meeting the smaller trebuchet should be available for viewing on Old Home Day. Much interest in the possibilities.

Some interest in the seed Catalog. Looking for more seeds from Nelson Gardeners.

Canning workshop set for August 4. Promotion necessary as at least 8-10 interested participants are required by the UNH leader at least 14 days prior to August 4.

John Bunce will be in touch with Amazing Grace animal farm to encourage them to participate in our Old Home Day booth.

Pat and Kim Rich have on their agenda to provide repairs to Farmers Market sign.

Finances:

An affirmative vote was taken to request town funds be transferred to Ag Com account by the Selectman to be completed after Town Meeting.

New business:

It was mentioned the Parent Teachers Organization indicated they would like the Farmers Market to be scheduled before school commences. Conversations concluded this would reduce interest in the Market.

It will be necessary to clean stones from snow removal from the flower garden. Next month times will be set for clean up and what varieties will be grown this year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 Submitted by John Bunce