

Nelson Agricultural Commission Minutes
Meeting at the
Olivia Rodham Library
Wednesday, December 7, 2016 meeting

1. Contacts have been made with potential presenters for monthly events to take place Saturday mornings at the library. A tentative schedule was created. The dates and times will be confirmed. A short description of the presentation content to be written by the presenter or a commission member will be forwarded to the library for their printed schedule and included on the updated web page.

2. Commission members will contact seed companies to inquire about receiving old (last year's) seeds free of charge for the seed catalog. In order to bring it more attention, the Old Home Days committee will be contacted about doing a presentation some evening the week before Old Home Day.

3. An update of the web page on the town website will begin listing the upcoming events at the library. Pictures will be needed to draw attention to the various presentation topics.

4. At the library events, an Agricultural Commission member will provide a short description of the purpose and work of the commission in order to encourage new membership.

5. Work has begun on a small plot to be planted to Colonial era flowers and herbs as part of the Nelson 250th anniversary celebration. Landscape cloth and composted manure will be needed for this project. Commission members can provide some of the herbs and flowers from their own gardens. Others will need to be purchased with budgeted money. Susan Hansel will be contacted to discuss how the garden plot can be worked into the events planned for the anniversary celebration in May. Markers will be needed and a handout with additional info about the uses of each plant will need to be created.

6. The Commission will let the Nelson School know that it will support as much as possible and plans/programs they develop jointly with the Harris Center.

7. The founders of a cooperative gardening group operating in several towns in the Monadnock Region will be invited to attend the February meeting so Commission members and learn more about the pros and cons of this approach.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM.

Submitted by Barbara Voymas, acting secretary