

NELSON AGRICULTURE COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 3RD 2022

Call to Order 7PM

Members present: Val Van Meier, Mare-Anne Jarvela, Rachel Patterson, Pat Rich, John Bunce

OLD BUSINESS

Priorities

Seed spoilage in seed catalog: Pat will solve by zip lock bags and provide refrigeration.

Rachael miraculously has sunflower seeds.

Multitude of ideas for next growing season:

Plant exchange

Seed swap in May. Possible do something on town common

Move date later for Farmers Market, change name to Harvest Market

Include pumpkin bowling, consider having the present school breakfast for townspeople held the same day, promote the lunch that has taken place in the past, have a raffle, prize for biggest pumpkin, community pumpkin growing contest, move date to October rather than September for complete pumpkin growth.

Finances

Vote approved by the board to Request the Selectmen to move the remaining AG Com funds into the new Agricultural Commission Account.

NEW BUSINESS

Imperative to move Colonial Garden due to deterioration of the library building. New location across the walkway from old location. Tarp has been laid down to stop present grow and plants from old garden will be removed when necessary. Possible Waddell fence of unique design. Possible new theme. A seed saving garden. Plants we like to eat ie. Herbs, sage, etc. More effort on making garden vertical. Present garden excitement to be printed in Black Fly to encourage new ideas from others.

Idea of a Hoophouse tour in the spring held up for more thought.

Comments on next meeting included a change from evening meeting to 3:30 in afternoon but to continue the first Wednesday of the month. Favorable agreement was indicated.

Meeting adjourned: 8:12PM Lots of ideas, little action! Submitted by John Bunce