

Agricultural Commission Minutes, Nelson, NH
Wednesday November 1, 2023, 3:12 PM

Attendance: Val Van Meier, Ralph Castor, Pat Rich, Mare-Anne Jarvela

Finances:

Ag Com agreed to have Val request the transfer of the Ag Com 2023 funds to the Ag Com account.

For the 2024 budget Ag Com will ask for \$100 (printing and copying), \$150 (speaker, education), \$50 (expenses). Total \$300.

Action Items:

Plan Lecture Series (3rd or 4th Saturdays Jan. through May):

Jan. 20 (snow date Jan. 27) Tomato Grafting/Propagation House. Presenters Tyler and Jenna

Feb. or March Managing a Woodlot. Ralph will contact forester Jeff Jones.

March Vermicomposting. Presenter Val

April 20 Jumping Worms w/Steph Sosinski, Program Manager, Home Horticulture, UNH Extension/Steph

May 11 or 18 Ask a Gardener. Invite an "expert" to answer questions.

Other ideas: Ralph will try to contact farmer Rich Rowse about raising pigs/chicken for meat.

Flower photography by Linda Singer, Bee photography by Jessica Faulkner (Ralph's Daughter)

Backdoor Garden:

Pat and Mare-Anne will prepare the garden for winter.

Seed Library:

Val will send Pat the 2023 spring seed inventory sheets and Pat will inventory the seeds and get rid of outdated seeds.

Val and Mare-Anne will contact seed catalogs and request free seeds for next year,

Farmers Market:

Kim and Pat Rich will repair a Farmers' Market sign before next year's Farmers Market. The Nelson PTO has requested that we have the market earlier, before school starts. Val will contact the school board about Wifi issue.

Trebuchet:

Ralph has plans and wood for small and big trebuchets. Discussion about different options for Old Home Day 2024. Build a medium size trebuchet that can shoot smaller vegetables (potatoes, small zucchini etc.) and have material available for small trebuchets (plastic spoon and rubber bands) that kids can build.

Adjourned 4:20 PM

Minutes submitted by Mare-Anne Jarvela