

Nelson Agricultural Commission Minutes 9/7/2022

Attendance: Mare-Anne Jarvela, Rachel Patterson, John Bunce, Sam Romano, Val Van Meier, Pat Rich

1. Priorities

- a. Seed Catalog: need to inventory current supply & store seeds in a freezer to ensure viability. Pat Rich offered hers.
- b. No seed borrowers contacted as yet.
- c. Ideas to encourage seed saving: Fall potluck & invite seed savers to attend & bring seeds. Similar thought but to do it during Old Home Week/Day.
- d. John suggested we offer a prize for the biggest vegetable brought to the Farmers' Market.

2. Finances: Waiting on Selectboard response re: RSA 674:44 FG

3. Publicity: Jen Pepin listed the Farmers' Market on the I Love Nelson FB page.

4. No new business.

5. Colonial Garden: Mare-Anne & Pat volunteered to clean up the garden after the 1st frost, being sure to cut back growth from building.

6. Old Home Day review: Feeling overall was a success. Everyone especially liked the interactive nature of the onion guessing game.

Rachel suggested next years' activity be a zucchini bench press.

7. Farmers' Market Sept.10: 9 vendors confirmed. Val & Pat to mark out tent spaces, & Sam agreed to provide coffee and treats. Mare-Anne also offered to bring muffins.

8. No discussion re: 2023 garden and hoop house tours.

Meeting adjourned 8:11 PM. Minutes submitted by Pat Rich