

Nelson Agricultural Commission Minutes
November 10, 2021

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

Meeting called to order 2pm

1. Nelson in Common Discussion: Gordon Peery informed us that there are 376 subscribers, and he is able to track the number of times each article is read. Seed saving is the least article read. Since Val submits regular articles, perhaps it is necessary to focus attention on this topic.
2. Pat will inventory the seed catalog. Mare-Anne will solicit seeds from High Mowing & Baker Creek
3. Lecture Series discussion: Leaning toward limited outdoor lectures in Spring. We will kick it off in April with rebuilding the Colonial garden wattle fence. In May, Val will offer vermicomposting as a topic. As we assess interest and monitor the progression of covid, we will determine adding further lectures. Val will include a questionnaire in the next Nelson in Common to gauge interest.
4. Ball Field Seed Garden? Difficult to determine community interest. John mentioned Nelson's lack of apartment dwellers, but Sam indicated not everyone in town has a good garden space. We are a wooded community. Hence, no decision was made. Rachel expressed interest in using the space for black walnut & chestnut trees. Determined that trees are permanent so not the best use for the space.
5. Rachel's book list: She reviewed the library's agricultural offerings and came up with a list of suggestions for the library, including prices. Ag Comm will buy the books.
6. Pat will renew Ag Comm membership.
7. Colonial Garden: Mare-Anne & Val will clean up.
8. Meeting adjourned 2:54pm