

Nelson Agricultural Commission

Minutes of Meeting November 5, 2014

Olivia Rodham Memorial Library - Nelson

Members Present: *David Voymas, Jacqueline Roland, Val Van Meier, John Bunce, Judi Lang, and Michael Iselin*

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by David Voymas, Chair.
2. David Voymas reminded Commission members of the upcoming joint meeting about preserving agricultural land in Nelson. The meeting, which was called for by David Upton, will be on November 20th at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Nelson Library. The Nelson Selectmen will be in attendance, and other town commissions and boards have been invited to attend, in addition to the Agricultural Commission.
3. Commission members held a brainstorming and planning session for the upcoming year. Members discussed past activities that they felt were worth continuing and considered new ideas to pursue in the coming year. After reviewing the Commission's Mission Statement, as well as UNH Cooperative Extension information for New Hampshire Agricultural Commissions, the Commission established the following priorities for 2015:
 - Develop mailing list of Ag-friendly Nelson residents
 - Review the NH Coalition for Sustaining Agriculture and the UNH Cooperative Extension's "Is Your Town Farm Friendly?" checklist for sustaining rural character
 - Update the Agricultural Commission's page on the town website
 - Continue/develop agriculture related lecture series
4. The Commission agreed to begin working on these priorities at its December meeting.

5. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

• members scheduled a trip to Angel Wing Farm on Nov. 12th to view their Biochar production facility.
Submitted by Jacqueline Roland, Secretary.

• PRELIMINARY budget for 2015 was discussed.

Printing & copying - \$100.
Speakers & Ed. Programs - \$150.
Misc. Expenses - \$50.

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Total Budget: \$300.

Jacqueline Roland
12/3/14

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J. Bunce
12-3-14

David Voymas