

Meeting Minutes 1/4/17

Olivia Rodham Memorial Library Basement

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

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm
2. 2017 speaker series discussion. We have confirmed dates for 1/28/17 Al Stoops on edible plants, 3/18/17 Tiger Batchelder on fencing, 4/15/17 Ted Link on blueberry pruning, 5/20/17 Kathy Schillemat on wattle fences. The Cheshire Historical Society will advertise this event so Val will reserve the town hall for potential overflow.
John Bunce will ask Nick & Becky Barrett to consider offering a sugaring session for 2/18/17. In addition we discussed the possibility of having Carl Majewski present seed saving 8/8 or 8/10/17 during Old Home Week. Val will confirm.
3. Our seed request is moving forward with Mare-Anne having contacted Seed Savers Exchange, Baker Creek Heirloom, & Renee's Garden. Pat spoke with a Johnny's Selected Seed representative and followed up with a written request. Val will request the town's tax ID #.
4. Publicity. Kris Finnegan will update web page with speaker series information. Val will send a notice to Ag Com email recipients & we will update the library sandwich board. We discussed possibility of a flyer.
5. 250 discussion for Ag Com herb garden: Val has ordered seeds and each of us has plants for sharing. John Bunce will deliver manure in early May.
6. The Harris Center's Michael Hightower plans to work with the Nelson School to present workshops on worms, soil & composting, winter animals, and garden planning. Val applauded the Harris Center efforts, but indicated Ag Com would not lead them.
7. February 1st we will welcome a guest presentation on co-operative gardening.
8. Meeting adjourned 8:05pm.

Submitted by Pat Rich acting secretary

