

Nelson Agricultural Commission Minutes, August 1, 2018  
Olivia Rodham Library

Members present: Val Van Meier, John Bunce, Barbara Voymas,  
Mare-Ann Jarvela. Pat Rich

1. Meeting called to order at 7:07PM
2. Old Home Day preparations discussion- We have information from 18 agriculturalist in town to put on placards for the table. Val has sufficient card stock and will do the typing and printing at the town offices. Barbara will glue bottoms to the placards and bring small rocks to keep them from blowing around if there is wind that day. Barbara and John will bring tables. Val will provide tablecloths and will bring the banner and zip ties or string to secure it to the pop up. John has a sheet of plywood and an easel for the map. Val to bring butterfly clips to secure it to the plywood. Barbara has map pins. The map will be set up and pins placed during set up on Old Home Day. Val has acrylic frames and will create a Hugelkulture display using them. Val will borrow the Davebilt from Beth Draper so that we can demonstrate the cracking of acorns and she will make cookies with acorn flour. The remaining brochures from last year's Colonial Herb Garden will be available.
3. Farmer's Market at the school – 9/29, 9AM – noon. The PTO will be having a bar-b-que like last year. Val has OK from the school superintendent, just needs to fill out the appropriate forms. She will also contact last year's vendors. Mare-Ann will design a color display about the Farmer's Market to have at our Old Home Day table as well as some smaller “save this date” hand-outs. There was discussion about having cones or tape to create a handicap parking area off the road – details to be worked out at the next meeting. Val will see if she can arrange to have music again. The donations being requested of the vendors this year will be \$10.
4. Colonial Garden upkeep – Val sent an e-mail encouraging people to harvest the dill and it appears we did get a response. We may want to send a similar e-mail regarding the mint. The chamomile seems to be hidden and the flowers being harvested.
5. Spring Lecture series – Kris has decided she would rather not do a presentation on WOOFers. Val will check the library's spring schedule for dates. Val to contact Tracy about doing a presentation on starting a CSA. Barbara will do a presentation in February on seed starting. John will contact Bud French about doing one on reclaiming old fields/creating new ones. Val will talk to Beth Draper about talking about re-wilding. Mare-Ann brought an article from the Keene paper on Borrealis Farm in Sullivan and it was agreed that it would be good to contact them as well.

Meeting as adjourned at 8:01PM

Next meeting is 9/5/2018

Minutes submitted by Barbara Voymas