

Agriculture Commission, Nelson, NH

Meeting Minutes Feb. 15, 2018

Oliva Rodham Memorial Library

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

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm

1. Lecture Series. The acorn lecture on Jan. 28 was a big success. Almost 30 people attended. Beth and Rob did a great job.  
Need to verify that Tiger Bachelder can talk about fencing on March 31 or possibly on May 19 if we can find someone who can talk about soil on March 31. Barbara is going to contact Kim Peavey to see if she is available to talk about bio-dynamic farming and soil on March 31.
2. Farmer's Market. Nelson School PTO is happy to partner with Ag. Com. again and have a Farmer's Market at the school in the fall.
3. The Banner. The banner is a go with the photos that Val selected. Val will contact Vista Print and order the banner from them. A small adjustment to the images will be made by Vista Print and we hope to pay less than \$100 for the banner including shipping.
4. Old Home Day (Aug. 18). Discussion about possible displays for Old Home Day. Preserving food after it is harvested (pickles, fruit leather, dried herbs, dried apples, sauerkraut...). Invite farm animals from Sullivan. Make acorn flour.
5. HB 1233 Bill. Discussion about this very broad bill that seeks to take away from NH towns and cities regulatory authority over our local food systems, including taking away rights to manage and regulate seeds and fertilizers. It would also take away the ability of cities and towns who may want to enact laws to promote and protect the practice of agriculture. We will as individuals contact Members of the House Environment and Agriculture Committee to oppose HB 1233 before February 20th when they are expected to be voting on this bill.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

Minutes submitted by Mare-Anne Jarvela.