

Nelson Agriculture Commission Minutes, July 3, 2018

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

1. Meeting called to order 7:10
2. Barbara indicated eleven people who provided agriculture products to the community had responded to her they were interested in having their products promoted during Nelson's annual old home day. She continues to make phone calls to contact every possible agriculture producer in town. Cards including products the producer provides and their location in town will be displayed as well as some products from producers. Members who are available should be at the display tent at 8am for set up. John will provide some method of displaying the large farm location map and it will be available for display and update at our next meeting.
3. Date for the 2018 Nelson Farmers Market in conjunction with the Nelson School will be September 29th assuming this date is accepted by the school committee.
4. Discussion on the Colonial Garden mentioned the need of upkeep, but for the most part continues to maintain itself with limited care.
5. Suggestions for the lecture series for 2019 included the possibility of:
 1. Kris Finnegan on the use of Woofers, < organic farm volunteers>
 2. Bud French on <what it takes to build new fields>
 3. Tracy Locke < what it takes to start a CSA from scratch with few funds>
 4. Barbara Voymas < Getting a head start on spring by seed starting in the home>
 5. Beth Draper < edible wild foods>

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm. or so. John Bunce recorder