

Nelson Agricultural Commission

Meeting minutes June 7th, 2017

Basement of the Olivia Rodham Memorial Library

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

1. Meeting called to order 7:03 p.m.
2. The Colonial Garden has been planted and the brochure designed. Mare-Anne put a lot of time and thought into the design and it was agreed that the result is impressive. We have two quotes for the printing, well within our budget. The quote from Prospect Communications as selected and will be submitted to the selectboard for payment. It was decided to have 100 copies printed. For the upcoming Garden Tour on the 17th, some will be available in the library alongside the garden tour maps. John brought the hanging box and after the meeting was adjourned, the location for the box was decided.
3. The wattle fence presentation was well attended. Everyone got some hands on experience and it fits in with the Colonial Garden nicely. The next presentation will be on August 10 during Old Home Week. It will be on seed saving. The Colonial Garden brochure will be sent to the speaker to see if he can include information on some of the plants in the garden.
4. For Saturday of Old Home Day we will review our spring series of presentations. We will contact the presenters for help and/or suggestions. It might be possible to make miniature versions of a wattle fence as an activity. There as also some discussion of preparing a survey to get feedback and suggestions for future presentations. Some possibilities for future presentations - Hugelkulture, growing season extension, scything, rational planting, orchard pruning/grafting. Mare-Anne will contact the author of an article on Hugelkulture to inquire if she would like to do a presentation.
5. September 9th is a go for the Farmer's Market. The PTO will host a bar-b-que. The paperwork has been submitted and we should have confirmation by the next meeting.
6. Sarah Wilson has offered to be a "special events" member of the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Submitted by Barbara Voymas