

Agriculture Commission, Nelson, NH
Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2018
Olivia Rodham Memorial Library

Members present: Val Van Meier, Mare-Anne Jarvela, John Bunce, Pat Rich
Meeting called to order at 3:03 pm

1. 2018 lecture series discussion. All agreed the Mayfair Farm lecture was a resounding success, and are looking forward to future presentations. It was noted that Ted Lenk may need assistance on the pruning workshop. Val will check with Owen Iselin. We have secured Mary Ellen Cannon from USDA for the May 19th no till gardening, building & enriching soil. In addition we will have Brandon Hathaway on hugukultur, Val and Mare-Anne on soil testing.
2. Checked out new Ag Comm banner, and all agreed it looks great!
3. Old Home Day discussion: Val will contact Savannah Steele, a photographer who specializes in cows. She will have a traveling exhibit of her "Know Your Cow" photography/ information ready May/June. She may also be a possible Old Home Day speaker as well.
4. It was decided that late September is the best time for our Farmers' (Harvest) Market.
5. Val also emailed Ron Upton asking when Nelson School folks plan to retrieve their strawberry plants currently residing primarily with John Bunce.
6. Brief discussion regarding designing seed packets for our colonial garden seed collection. The thought was that we might hand them out at the May presentation. Mare-Anne will research designs.
7. Conversation regarding offering occasional agricultural themed movie evenings. We each will explore possibilities. In addition, Val will check with Kris to determine if we can get the movie "The Future of Food" through interlibrary loan.
8. Meeting adjourned 4:14 pm