

Nelson Agricultural Commission Minutes
March 2, 2022

Members Present: Val Van Meier, Sam Romano, Pat Rich (Zoom), Mare-Anne Jarvela

Meeting called to order 7:09 pm.

1. Instead of speakers this spring we will have a wattle fence workshop on April 30th lead by Kathy Schillemat. Our old Colonial Garden wattle fence needs repair and we need to add a shorter rabbit fence in the front. The community will be invited to participate.
2. The ag com articles in the Nelson in Common newsletter are popular and are receiving nice feedback. Val will continue to highlight popular topics.
3. The new 2022 seed catalog (139 varieties of seed!) is ready in the library. We received donations from three seed catalogs. Some seeds have already been "borrowed". Val will follow up by contacting the people who have taken seeds to see if they can save seeds from one or more varieties of veggies or flowers and bring back to the catalog.
4. We'll discuss Rachel's book list at our next meeting.
5. Old Home Day August 20. We'll have a table with seed saving examples and information. We also discussed having an animal exhibit (oxen, draft horses or sheep dogs).
6. Farmer's Market in September. Val will contact the Nelson school PTO to see what date works best for them. Possible dates are Sept. 7 or 14. We will advertise the event on the web and in print (for example in the NH Food Alliance Brochure).
7. Next meeting April 6

Meeting adjourned 7:52 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mare-Anne Jarvela.



Handwritten signatures of Rachel Patten, John Jones, and Mare-Anne Jarvela.