

Nelson Agriculture Commission Minutes, November 6, 2019

Present: Val Van Meier, Barbara Fraser, John Bunce, Mare-Anne Jarvela, Sam Romano

Meeting started at 7:07pm

Pat and Mare-Anne cleaned out the Colonial Garden. The only seed collected were from nasturtiums and senna. Critters feasted on the others. More clean out is needed plus winter mulch.

Val nudged Nye Hill Brewery but has not received a response.

Community garden questions came up again. We would need donated land, as per Harrisville. Perhaps Priscilla's? Perhaps a questionnaire for input/interest from people in town, to be handed out at Town Meeting? Sam will create a questionnaire and solicit input from Ag Com members before distribution. Barbara has some knowledge of the Harrisville community garden and will speak to people there for information.

There was some discussion of catchy titles for the lecture series. High hopes for high tunnels? Forget soil, use water? Tree talk?

Some ideas for Steve Roberge to focus on: local trees, how to manage forest maintenance, tree diseases, creating space for wildlife, value of timber.

While still hoping for a response from Nye Hill, Val will contact UNH Extension for a Master Gardner as an alternative.

It was decided that our budget for next year will remain the same, so we will not ask for an increase from the town.

It was agreed that we will not meet in December.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49

Respectfully submitted by Sam Romano