

**Nelson Agricultural Commission**  
Meeting Minutes October 3, 2018  
Olivia Rodham Memorial Library

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

**Farmers Market Recap**—Most vendors were happy with the sales and social interactions. The PTO BBQ brought some extra customers. The Nelson School was very happy with the combined Farmers Market and lunch. They want to do it again next year. Our scheduled musician cancelled at the last minute, but we were grateful for Rich Popovic, who entertained us and the children with music and songs later in the morning.

Looking ahead to next year. Have the Farmers Market earlier in September. Work closer with the school PTO to promote the event. Create an FB event and also use the “I Love Nelson” FB group. Use Instagram to promote vendors and products.

**Colonial Garden Upkeep**—Wait for first frost to clean up and collect seed.

**2019 Lecture Series**—Val had some great new ideas. We still need to confirm some of the presenters and the order of the lectures.

**January-** Reclaiming old fields with Bud French (John checking with Bud)

**February-** Seed starting with Barbara Voymas

**March-** Regenerative agriculture with Julie Davenson

**April-** Attracting a variety of wildlife, including pollinators, to your garden with Jeff Littleton

**May-** Heritage cattle with Savannah Steele (need to check to see if she is available)

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mare-Anne Jarvela