Meeting Minutes of the AgCom Subcommittee for Adopt-a-Seedling

Date: 3/3/16, 214 Moraine St., Marshfield, Ma.

Meeting began at 4:47 PM with Annie Massed, Carolyn Housman and Sarah Garretson Lowry in attendance.

Reviewed the 2015 learnings:

Organize the tomato seedlings like the tomato poster (Full sized, cherry, patio etc).

Grow less seedlings (2013=407 total, 2014=830 total, sold 576, 2015=731, sold 601) maybe 600 seedlings.

Having a greeter for the event worked well.

Having a person out in front constantly restocking works well.

Invite schools to come at the end of the event to pick up seedlings.

Non tomato seedlings moved well.

Cherry, large and extra large are popular sizes.

Having 3 booth spaces for this event.

Elevate display steps.

Set up on Thursday worked well.

Have a minimum of 6 seedlings per variety.

Have seed starter kit for growers that provide a minimum of 72 seedlings, which includes:

72- 3 square peat pots

1 -16 quart bag of Espoma seed start mix

72 wooden popsicle sticks

Seedling containers: 3 inch square peat pots will be used again. We will keep the number of pots to 500. Sarah will purchase the pots at Morrison's in Plymouth if cost is feasible.

Seed starter mix: Espoma has an organic seed start mix in 16 quart bags.

Six pack containers of : arugula, kale, lettuce and swiss chard will be offered this year.

Press release: a larger article to be issued the first week of May in The Marshfield Mariner. A smaller press release be issued on the second week.

To do:

Cost and source supplies -Sarah
Request funding of up to \$200.00 for seed starter kits- All
Review poster categories and send to volunteer growers -Sarah
Email request for volunteer growers on the commission- Sarah
Obtain carrying trays from Yankee Candle - Annie
Review available seeds and send list to Sarah - All

Next meeting is 3/21/16 at 5:30 PM at 214 Moraine St., Marshfield.

Meeting ended at 5:30 PM.