

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

Date: January 30, 2015 Panera, 156 Church St., Pembroke, MA

Meeting began at 8:16 PM with Annie Massed and Sarah Garretson Lowry in attendance.

Reviewed the 2014 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), maybe 600 seedlings.

Having a greeter for the event worked well.

Having a person out in front constantly restocking works well.

Donating seedlings to South River School was appreciated.

Sending leftover seedlings to the COA and splitting the donations, worked for both parties.

Having 3 booth spaces for this event.

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 to be issued for the second week.

To do:

Cost and source supplies -Sarah

Request funding of up to \$200.00 for seed starter kits- Sarah

Review poster categories and send to volunteer growers -Sarah

Email request for volunteer growers on the commission- Sarah

Email request for volunteer growers from the community garden - Annie Collect cardboard flats for customer usage- All

Next meeting is TBD.

Meeting ended at 8:50 PM.