

# 2014-06-24 Agriculture Commission Minutes

Brooklyn Agriculture Commission  
Tuesday, June 24, 2014  
Brooklyn Town Hall

Present: Lou Brodeur, Sandra Brodeur, Stanley Karro, Joyce Meader. Charles Langevin was absent with notification.

Guest: Sally Timmons

J. Meader ***motioned*** to approve the May 27, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. S. Brodeur ***seconded***. ***All in favor; motion carried.***

Public Participation: None

## Old Business:

Brooklyn Farmers Market signage for parking lot: S. Karro reported that the signage, along with a barrel provided by J. Meader, was used at last week's market. Frank Anastasio has yet to provide any feedback.

Table cover with logo purchase: S. Timmons reported that none of the three local businesses have responded to her e-mail inquiries. She will telephone them or visit them in person. On a separate note, she has spoken with the Killingly Historical Society regarding their use of release forms for photos. They generally do not use them; their policy is to give credit to the person who provided them with the photo. S. Timmons suggested that, for the purposes of the History of Agriculture in Brooklyn project, the commission model their consent form after that used by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Committee report for History of Agriculture in Brooklyn: S. Karro reported that the concept of a four to five page summary was discussed but it was ultimately felt that more detail is warranted. A wide variety of topics was discussed, including Israel Putnam; the transition from subsistence farming to commercial farming; the grist mills on Blackwell's Brook; the three flower-growing farms on Allen Hill Road; the grist mill at Lawton's Pond; and dairy farming. The next step is to conduct interviews.

S. Timmons noted that the commission may wish to consider other media in addition to the printed word. S. Karro suggested that the commission could do something along the lines of the Town of Canterbury kiosk. L. Brodeur noted that the end product could be published on the town's website. S. Brodeur noted that the project could incorporate audio excerpts from the interviews.

S. Karro will compile a written report of the committee's initial meeting. S. Brodeur suggested that, for the purposes of conducting future interviews, the commission consider purchasing a digital recorder with remaining funds from this fiscal.

Review other old business from May meeting: S. Karro noted that the payment to the Farmer's Market has been processed.

New Business:

Report from Lou on Animal Rescue Training: The event was cancelled due to a lack of participation.

Back-To-School Barbecue: The commission discussed participating in this event. J. Meader's display can be used. S. Brodeur noted that Deb Tanner may have flyers that can be used. S. Timmons suggested that it would be a good idea to have something geared specifically to kids. S. Brodeur will check with Deb Tanner for kid activity ideas.

S. Karro ***motioned*** to cancel the July meeting. J. Meader ***seconded***. ***All in favor; motion carried.***

J. Meader stated that an open house will be held at the Extension Center on October 5. If the commission is amenable, she can set up the commission's display at the open house.

S. Karro ***motioned*** to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. J. Meader ***seconded***. ***All in favor; motion carried.***

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 26, 2014

Sincerely,

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Shelley Hopkins  
Recording Secretary