

2014-01-28 Ag Commission Minutes

Tuesday, May 06, 2014

Brooklyn Agriculture Commission
Tuesday, January 28, 2014
Brooklyn Town Hall

Present: Lou Brodeur, Joyce Meader, Charlie Langevin, Stan Karro

Guests: Bill Carver, Jr., Sally Timmons, Jana Roberson

Minutes Approved – Oct 2014 approved

Public Participation:

S. Timmons – was approached by Killingly Ag Science board member. Board needs volunteer from Brooklyn. Anne Ennis might be interested?

Old Business:

Producer Forum – Need emails to notify Brooklyn residents of future events and Brooklyn farm products. A booth and basket of local goods raffled at some event could ask for email addresses in order to be notified of winnings..
Advocate Meeting, Nov 21 – L. Brodeur gave update, with B. Farmers slideshow

Fall, Winter, Spring Farmers Market in Brooklyn – extend season for farm products

Apply for a grant for building a permanent cover?

Better location for families??

Does Prince Hill Rd Barn have space?

Rte 6 location?

Need high traffic or beautiful location

Joyce will invite Betsy Molodich and Frank Anastasio, Northeast CT Farmers Market, to come to next meeting in February.

Land Protection:

Jana Roberson, Town of Brooklyn Land Planner, is completing an application to the USDA grant for Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program for the Barrett Hill Farm. The Brooklyn Open Space Funds is at \$92,000 at this point. Is the Barrett Hill Farm attractive to the town commissions for use of these open space funds? J. Meader asked about the interest by the Conservation Commission. Habitat conservation may be preferable to the use for food production. S. Karro asked about value of adjoining properties for the application approval.

New Business:

Agvocate Boot Camp Train the Trainer, Saturday, Jan 25 - Jana Roberson gave report

Budget: S. Karro moved to accept the submitted budget for the Ag Commission. Seconded by C. Langevin

Ag Commission Display: S. Timmons suggested that we prepare a display for events. J. Roberson informed us that the town land use commissions have access to a computer and LCD projector for presentations. Need a wall to show our "Brooklyn Farms" power point, such as at the Killingly Grange April 19th. Bernadette called to invite groups to attend ag fair during the April winter farmers market at the grange (3rd sat of month)

Next Meeting: February 25, 2014

Adjourned: 8:35 PM

Sincerely,

Joyce E. Meader, Secretary