

Brooklyn Agricultural Commission  
Tuesday, February 23, 2016  
7:00 PM  
Town Hall

**MINUTES**

I. **Call To Order** – Chairman, Lou Brodeur called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. **Roll Call (5 regular and 2 alternates)**

**Members Present:**

Lou Brodeur, Chair; Charles Langevin, Vice Chair; Sandra Brodeur; Stanley Karro; Deborah Tanner, Alternate.

Joyce Meader, Secretary was absent with notification.

Sally Timmons, Alternate, arrived at 7:09 p.m.

III. **Seat alternates if necessary** – Lou Brodeur stated that Deb Tanner would sit in as a voting Member in the Absence of Joyce Meader.

IV. **Review minutes from January 26, 2016 Meeting**

Motion by C. Langevin to accept the Minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2016, as presented. Second by D. Tanner. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

V. **Public Participation** – None.

VI. **Old Business:**

**A. Committee report for: “History of Agriculture in Brooklyn.”**

S. Karro reported that he has a lot of material and is starting to compile it and put it in order. He will do some additional interviewing and some reading on the history of Windham County. He will use the Killingly Historical Society and will look at articles (regarding agriculture and other topics of interest) from Windham County Transcripts.

**B. Source Water Protection Plan – Sandy Brodeur update**

S. Timmons arrived at 7:09 p.m.

S. Brodeur reported that the Agriculture Commission has been asked to participate in Earth Day (which will be in April), and possibly a couple of other events, by working with the farmers to help promote rain gardens and other means of conserving water.

D. Tanner asked for the mailing addresses and e-mail addresses of those who would like to be involved in the Read Across America Program. She provided copies of the book/educator guide that will be used in each class. Ms. Tanner stated that she received a letter from Joan Nichols informing the Commission that she received the 2016 Risk Management Grant.

S. Brodeur stated that J. Meader contacted Jude Boucher regarding pest management, but he is booked-up for this year, so he may possibly be able to do something here next year.

## **VII. New Business:**

### **A. Election of Officers**

L. Brodeur opened the floor to nominations for Officers:

Motion by S. Brodeur to nominate D. Tanner for Chair. She also stated that D. Tanner would need to be moved to a Full-Time Member. Second by S. Karro.

Motion by S. Karro to close nominations for Chair. Second by S. Brodeur.

Motion for D. Tanner for Chair carried unanimously (5-0).

Motion by S. Brodeur to nominate C. Langevin for Vice-Chair. Second by S. Karro.

Motion by S. Brodeur to close nominations for Vice-Chair. Second by S. Karro.

Motion for C. Langevin for Vice-Chair carried unanimously (5-0).

Motion by S. Karro to nominate J. Meader for Secretary since she had not expressed that she would not be interested in continuing as Secretary. Second by S. Brodeur.

Motion by D. Tanner to close nominations for Secretary. Second by S. Karro.

Motion for J. Meader for Secretary carried unanimously (5-0).

### **B. Brooklyn Town Picnic – Memorial Day – Any plans for this year's event?**

Ideas discussed:

- Sprouting beans in a vial containing a cotton ball soaked with water. D. Tanner will order one case (1,000) vials. Labels (Brooklyn Agricultural Commission with a space for the child's name) will be made for the vials. There was discussion regarding obtaining a copy of the Town Logo. D. Tanner offered to have a display of the progress of the beans at different stages/days 1, 3, 5.

- Posters/Signs for handing out: Endangered Species / Pollinator / No Mow Zones (Source Water Protection). D. Tanner stated that Monsanto and Bayer Science would donate packets of seeds for pollinator gardens. S. Brodeur will ask if the Conservation Commission would give out sunflower seeds as they did last time. D. Tanner suggested planting two pollinator gardens in big tubs in advance to display.
- D. Tanner suggested putting up bird feeders.
- L. Brodeur suggested asking the Source Water Sub-Committee if they would like to participate.

There was discussion regarding how the Agricultural Commission came into existence.

#### **VIII. Action Items for Next Meeting**

L. Brodeur stated that discussion regarding the Town Picnic could be continued to the March meeting.

#### **IX. Adjourn (Next meeting March 22, 2016).**

Motion by S. Karro to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Second by C. Langevin. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault  
Acting Recording Secretary