

2013-02-26 Ag Commission Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Brooklyn Agriculture Commission Meeting Minutes 2-26-13

Called to order at 7:20 at Town Hall Conference Room

Roll Call: Present: Lou Brodeur, Stan Karro, Charles Langevin, Sherri Vogt

Charlie makes a motion to move Sherri Vogt to full member from alternate position. Stan 2nd the motion. Voice Vote, Sherri Vogt is full member for the meeting.

Elections: Slate nomination: Sherri Vogt for Chair, Lou Brodeur for Vice Chair and Joyce Meader for Secretary. Slate Nominated by Stan Karro and 2nd by Charlie Langevin. Voice Vote-carried.

Review of Minutes: Website missing October 2012-Jan 2013 minutes. Stan said that the Commission is responsible for getting them posted on line through Melissa in the First Selectman's office. The secretary is absent tonight but Sherri will ask her to review process and post as soon as possible.

Public Participation: Bill Carver of Stetson Road came to visit and participate. He requested an application to submit for selection to the Commission. Sherri said she'd mail via USPS it tomorrow. He received a warm welcome from the Commission.

Old Business: Please call and ask people to come to town meeting in March to support agricultural policies in town. The new ordinance will cut \$11,000 in revenues collected from farmers.

Walktober location: TBD Joyce will inform us of what she found for a location. Ben's orchard near Mortlake? Are we committed to John Lombardi?

With Joyce's absence we did not get a report from AgVocate event.

NCRS discussion with Joyce, no report.

Stan Karro distributed report by Bill Maclaren;@ The Elms for the record. It is a contiguous parcel of land to Bev and Joel Rosenberg's land on Barrett Hill Road.

New Business: We will divide and call to invite all producers on the list to the Town Meeting. Sherri will ask Joyce to distribute the list. We only have 6 days.

Commission membership Openings: two alternates are needed. Dr. Westfall spoke to Stan Karro and Bill Carver came because he spoke with Austin.

Sherri brought energy/farming information. She will send information to Charles and Bill. We discussed alternative energy as seen in Germany, Denmark and Maine.

Action Items: Last Green Valley for Walktober, ask Joyce the deadline date. Can Ag Commission and Conservation Commission sponsor jointly the Walk?

Can we amend the Commission schedule to every other month, 4th Tuesday?

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 @ 7 PM @ Town Hall

Motion to adjourn by Charlie at 8:15 and 2nd by Sherri.

Sincerely, sherri vogt