

Brooklyn Agricultural Commission  
Tuesday, January 24, 2017  
7:00 PM  
Town Hall

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Deborah Tanner, Chair; Charles Langevin; Sandra Brodeur; Lou Brodeur.

Stanley Karro, Joyce Meader, Sally Timmons and Sherri Vogt were absent.

**Guest:** Anne Ennis.

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

**Public Participation** – None.

**Review Minutes from October 2016 Meeting:** Motion was made by L. Brodeur to dispense the vote on the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 22, 2016, until the next meeting (February 28, 2017). Second by C. Langevin. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

**Old Business:**

**History of Agriculture in Brooklyn:**

Motion was made by L. Brodeur to dispense the History of Ag in Brooklyn Report because S. Karro was not present. Second by C. Langevin. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

**Update on Food Safety Seminar:**

D. Tanner reported that she spoke with Joan Nichols at the Farm Bureau Office regarding moving the seminar to February, however, the RCMA Grant requires that four grant presentations be done in February. The last two weeks in March would work well. CLICK is not busy at that time of year. FSMA discussions would have to do with packaging food. CLICK is adding a new program for packaging food and getting it ready for sale eliminating the need for licensing.

D. Tanner suggested that a Member of the Ag Commission become a member of CLICK (\$200 per year) allowing the citizens of Brooklyn to use the membership to use the facility. The Commission Members were in agreement that this is a good idea and they discussed looking into feasibility/liability. D. Tanner will inquire about Ag Commission membership.

There was discussion regarding a budget sheet that was received by D. Tanner with an item for SNAP machines for the Farmers' Market. The Commission will date and fill out the sheet together at a later date.

The Commission will vote on a date for the Food Safety Seminar at the February meeting.

**Update on Website Revisions:**

There was no discussion.

**Update to Outreach to Vocational Ag School:**

D. Tanner read an e-mail from Sally Timmons which stated that Ken Couture was going to contact the Board of Education to try to get on the February Agenda. He and a few students will talk about the program. Ms. Timmons hopes to attend that meeting. There was discussion regarding students applying to get accepted into the Killingly Vocational Ag Program. There is a lot of pressure on students to make the decision early in the school year (November), but they don't get a response until January.

**New Business:**

**Nominations for Chairperson**

**Election**

**Discussion of new and full-time committee membership to submit Selectmen**

There was discussion regarding the need for Regular Members. Joyce Meader has volunteered to take a position as an Alternate Member. Sally Timmons will not be able to make many future meetings. Sherri Vogt has not attended any meetings in about five years. Lou Brodeur would like to be a Regular Member. Anne Ennis would like to become a Member. Sandy Brodeur volunteered to step down and either be an Alternate Member or would participate as a non-member to allow for Anne Ennis.

S. Brodeur and L. Brodeur will send a letter to the Selectmen noting the following suggested changes:

- Terminate Sherri Vogt due to her never having attended any meetings.
- Regular Members: Deborah Tanner; Charles Langevin; Stanley Karro, Lou Brodeur; Anne Ennis (she will submit forms to the Town).
- Alternate Members: Joyce Meader; Sandra Brodeur; Sally Timmons.

D. Tanner opened the floor to nominations for Officers:

Motion was made by C. Langevin to elect the following slate of Officers:

- Chairperson – L. Brodeur
- Vice Chairperson – C. Langevin
- Secretary – Vacant (provided by the Town)

Second by S. Brodeur.

D. Tanner asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations.

Motion was made by S. Brodeur to close nominations. Second by C. Langevin.  
Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Motion was made by S. Brodeur to cast one ballot. Second by C. Langevin. Motion  
carried unanimously (4-0-0).

**Any other business proper to come before the Committee:**

D. Tanner provided information regarding a proposed solar project in the towns of  
Brooklyn and Canterbury. Discussion ensued.

**Adjourn (Next meeting February 28, 2017).**

Motion was made by C. Langevin to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Second by L. Brodeur.  
Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault  
Acting Recording Secretary