

Brooklyn Agricultural Commission
Tuesday, May 23, 2017
7:00 PM
Town Hall

MINUTES

I. Call To Order – Chairperson, Lou Brodeur called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call (5 Regular and 3 Alternates)

Members Present:

Lou Brodeur, Chairperson; Charles Langevin, Vice Chairperson; Anne Ennis, Sandra Brodeur.

Stanley Karro, Deborah Tanner, Joyce Meader and Sally Timmons were absent with notification.

Also Present: Aaron Kerouac.

III. Seat alternates if necessary – S. Brodeur was seated as a Voting Member.

IV. Review minutes from April 25, 2017 Meeting

Motion was made by C. Langevin to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 25, 2017, as presented. Second by A. Ennis. Motion carried (4-0-0).

V. Public Participation

Aaron Kerouac asked about the snap machine. L. Brodeur explained that each town has to have its own at each Market. It is tabled for now because there wasn't any interest.

Mr. Kerouac spoke about agriculture vs. conservation vs. energy and suggested that now is a good time to think about what sort of mix would be good regarding what land should be given up. There was discussion regarding solar pollinator gardens.

Mr. Kerouac spoke about hazardous waste/fracking waste. He has put out requests regarding what other towns have written. He feels Brooklyn is a good candidate for no hazardous waste storage because of the number of wells and type of soils in Town.

VI. Old Business:

A. Committee report for: "History of Agriculture in Brooklyn."

L. Brodeur stated that Mr. Karro had nothing to report on the history of agriculture, but the Farmers' Market will be opening on June 14th. Mr. Karro had mentioned getting another sign at the last meeting and Mr. Brodeur asked if the Commission would like to authorize spending for a sign. There was discussion:

- A couple of 3' x 3' signs (Gagnon Signs).
- Put up in June and take down in October.
- Check with the Town to be sure locations are okay – maybe one along Route 6 and one on Prince Hill.

Motion was made by C. Langevin to expend up to \$500.00 to purchase signs to advertise the Brooklyn Farmers' Market. Second by S. Brodeur. Motion carried (4-0-0).

B. Snap machine purchase for Brooklyn Farmer Market?

L. Brodeur reported that S. Timmons sent him a note stating that the State Department of Agriculture has a free costume loan program (cow, chicken, various vegetables) for use at future events. She also informed the Commission that she will be moving out of Town in July and asked what she needs to do to resign from the Commission.

C. Walktober update?

A. Ennis reported:

- To take place on October 14th.
- J. Meader wants to do a walk. There was discussion regarding closing Ennis road.

D. Family Day Picnic update?

S. Brodeur contacted Diane Wimmer and told her what Debbie has. Diane has a couple of high school girls who need to do some community service. They are all set.

E. Read Across Connecticut.

Sally had one more to do, but L. Brodeur will consider it to be done.

F. South Brooklyn Solar Project.

A. Ennis stated that the engineers who came out to Tyler's got their car stuck in her family's field.

VII. New Business:

A. Any other business to come before this meeting.

None.

VIII. Action Items for Next Meeting – None.

IX. Adjourn (Next meeting June 27, 2017)

Motion was made by C. Langevin to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Second by A. Ennis. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary