

Brooklyn Agriculture Commission  
Tuesday, May 28, 2013  
Brooklyn Town Hall

Present: Lou Brodeur, Joyce Meader, Stan Karro, Charles Langevin, Sherri Vogt  
Guest: Sally Timmons

February Minutes: Approved with changes. Election of temporary member to chair is not allowed. C. Langevin moved to accept, S. Vogt seconded

Old Business:

Nominations for commission slate: S. Karro nominated, Sherri Vogt seconded, L. Brodeur, chair; C. Langevin, Vice-chair; J. Meader, secretary. Slate approved unanimously.

Refreshments for WalkOctober at Pakulis Farm were suggested: apples from Ben's Orchard; apple cider from Lapsley, pumpkin bread from Sally's kitchen (with Pakulis Farm pumpkins). Enough for 35 walkers needed.  
Invite WINY to walk.

Meeting schedule: Meeting every month was suggested by S. Karro.

Building and Equipment Farm Tax Exemption ordinance passed.

New Business:

New membership: Bill Carver, Geoff Westfall, Garrett Timmons are possibilities.

Producer Forum: November Ag Commission meeting will be open to hear Brooklyn producers' concerns. Sherri will call Brooklyn farms to ask for email addresses for future notifications, including the fall forum.

Brooklyn farm promotion:

farmers market signs, WINY radio Brooklyn farmer interview with Gary (?), distribute Brooklyn Grown brochures. J. Meader will ask Cherie Poirier for remaining brochures.

J. Meader described Canterbury's Meet Your Farmer evening.

S. Vogt described the Brooklyn PTO Back to School barbeque at the Brooklyn Elementary School. Sherri will ask the membership about having a table with farmers and brochures at the event.

USDA SARE (Sustainable Ag and Research Education) grants described by S. Timmons

Community Sustainability grant must support innovative ideas

Partnership grant: farmer and organization research idea together

Farmer grant: S. Karro wonders about unusual crops in CT (olives)

Website for ag info: [www.aginfotlgv.org](http://www.aginfotlgv.org)

Maybe link could be put on Brooklyn website for agriculture resources? J. Meader will ask.

Next meeting: June 25, 2013

Adjourned: 8:20 PM

Sincerely, Joyce E. Meader