

Brooklyn Agricultural Commission
Tuesday October 23, 2018
7:00 PM
Town Hall

MINUTES

I. **Call to Order** – Chairperson, Anne Ennis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. **Roll Call (5 Regular and 3 Alternates)**

Anne Ennis, Chairperson; Charles Langevin, Vice Chairperson; Sandra Brodeur; Stanley Karro. Joyce Meader arrived at 7:08 p.m. Lou Brodeur was absent with notice.

Also Present: Gavin Hunter

III. **Seat alternate if necessary** – None.

IV. **Review minutes:**

A. August 28, 2018 Regular Meeting

S. Brodeur will prepare for review at the November 27th meeting.

B. September 25, 2018 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by C. Langevin to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2018. Second by S. Brodeur. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

V. **Public Participation** – None.

VI. **Old Business:**

A. Committee report for: "History of Agriculture in Brooklyn." – No Report.

B. South Brooklyn Solar project. – No Discussion.

C. Nothing new on Killingly Advisory appointment.

A. Ennis needs to apply.

D. Suggestions for zoning map changes? – No Discussion.

E. Tabled from the September 25, 2018 Meeting: Mont Calm Farm.

There was discussion. This is more of a small, hobby farm.

Motion was made by C. Langevin that the Brooklyn Agriculture Commission not get involved in the project regarding Veronica Methurin's farm. Second by S. Brodeur. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Joyce Meader arrived at 7:08 p.m.

F. Arbor Acres, Stetson Road (owned by Billy Carver) – possible site walk.

A. Ennis stated that she had spoken with Mr. Carver and she does not think that he is interested in attending a meeting. The Commission will not be doing a site walk. It was decided to remove this item from the agenda for next month.

VII. New Business:

A. Any new business to come before this meeting.

- S. Brodeur presented an idea of a Community Garden for the new year. She e-mailed the Killingly Ag Commission and asked if someone could come to a Brooklyn Ag Commission meeting to discuss how they did it. Discussion ensued. Perhaps the Brooklyn Business Association would support monetarily. S. Brodeur will put it on FaceBook to see what kind of response it will get. Gary Zurek, who may be interested in coordinating as he had expressed interest in the past, will be contacted.
- J. Meader spoke about creating a shared vision and action plan for the future of the Last Green Valley (10-year goal setting). There will be a regional meeting at the Last Green Valley (Second Floor of the Key Bank building in Danielson) on October 29th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. They are looking for input regarding agriculture and natural resources. C. Langevin suggested looking at the previous mission statement and he stated that he has suggested involving all Ag Commissions.
- J. Meader mentioned that on Saturday morning, the DEEP and the Extension Center will be doing a presentation regarding gypsy moths at Goodwin for foresters.
- Robotic Conference (milkers) to be held on Friday at the W.B. Young Building at UCONN.
- There was discussion regarding Christmas tree season. C. Langevin stated that he is currently preparing for spring planting and that he is gearing-up for the season as he is expecting another big year even though a lot of people go for artificial. There is a national campaign: It's Christmas, Keep It Real.
- There was discussion regarding planting in the spring with the current wet conditions in fields.

VIII. Action Items for Next Meeting – None.

IX. Adjourn (Next meeting November 27, 2018).

Motion was made by C. Langevin to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Second by S. Brodeur. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary