

Brooklyn Agricultural Commission
Tuesday April 23, 2019
7:00 PM
Town Hall

MINUTES

I. **Call to Order** – Chairperson, Anne Ennis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Anne Ennis, Chairperson; Charles Langevin, Vice Chairperson; Stanley Karro; Joyce Meader.
Sandra Brodeur and Lou Brodeur were absent with notice.

Also Present:
Betsy Molodich

III. **Seat alternate if necessary**

Motion was made by S. Karro to seat J. Meader as a Voting Member for this meeting. Second by C. Langevin. Motion carried unanimously (3-0-0).

IV. **Review minutes:**
A. **March 26, 2019**

Motion was made by S. Karro to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2019. Second by C. Langevin.

Discussion:

Corrections noted for misspelled names:

- Betsy Molodich
- Bill Reid

Motion carried unanimously with the noted corrections (4-0-0).

V. **Public Participation** – None.

VI. **Old Business**
A. **Walktober**

- Date: Saturday, November 2, 2019 starting at Allen Hill Farm at 10 am. Nick and Bill Reid will be there. (Ms. Meader will check with Allen Hill Farm to be sure of the availability.)
- Length of Time – 2 hours total.
- Rain or Shine
- Wagon rides from Allen Hill Farm (from the bottom of the hill) to the River, walk along the River, then wagon rides back to the parking lot. Ms. Meader will time the ride.
- A fire truck may be provided for safety.
- Mr. Langevin will time the walk along the River and will coordinate with Nick and Bill Reid what they will speak about as soon as possible because Ms. Meader needs to provide an end time with a program write-up.

VII. New Business:

A. Discussion with Betsy Molovich regarding the Farmers' Market.

Discussion:

- Ms. Molodich has advertised for more vendors and, so far, there are five for this year. The bakery did well last year. Besides herself, they have Woodstock Farms, Country Comfort Cooking, Busy Bee Farm, and Quiet Corner Candles. There are also some non-profits. Ms. Molodich feels the location is good, but more vendors are needed. The more vendors, the more customers. The busiest time seems to be at 5 o'clock.
Ms. Molodich provided postcards that had been made up which promote all of the markets. Some will be left at the Town Hall and Ms. Meader will leave some at the Extension Center. She said some could be made up just for Brooklyn.
- Her Saturday morning market in Killingly does the best of the locations that Ms. Molodich does.
- There was a suggestion to have the Brooklyn Market from 5pm to 7 pm, but that would just make the farmers get home later to unload.
- If the Market were to move to the Fairgrounds with food vendors and entertainment (like Coventry where people make a day of it), it would be best on Saturday or Sunday.
- There was discussion regarding signage. One more sign has been ordered to be placed in the parking lot across from the Fairgrounds. There had been discussion about possibly putting one near Ms. Ennis' house. There was also discussion regarding putting one on Route 6 or near Recreation, or perhaps somewhere between I-395 and Ocean State Job Lot, instead of near the Fairgrounds was discussed.
- There was discussion regarding temporary signs vs. permanent signs.
- There was discussion regarding regular customers vs. non-regular.
- There was discussion regarding whether it is promoted by other Commissions.
- There was discussion regarding Face Book.
- Ms. Ennis knows someone who makes soaps/lotions and will mention the Market to her.

B. Any new business to come before this meeting - None.

C. Discussion regarding possible participation with the Conservation Commission regarding Sustainable Connecticut. – To be discussed when Sandra Brodeur is present.

D. Brooklyn Fair Display – To be discussed when Sandra Brodeur is present.

VIII. Action Items for Next Meeting

Ms. Meader is retiring from her position and she asked that the Agricultural Commission write a letter to the Dean recommending that her position be filled.

IX. Adjourn (Next meeting May 28, 2019).

Motion was made by C. Langevin to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Second by S. Karro. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary