Brooklyn Agricultural Commission Tuesday, July 26, 2022 7:00 PM Clifford B. Green Building

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MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** Anne Ennis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. Roll Call (5 Regular and 3 Alternates) Anne Ennis, Chair; Charles Langevin, Vice Chair; Sandra Brodeur; Stanley Karro; Lachelle Rosinski (all were present in person).
 Lou Brodeur and Sara Deschaies were absent with notice.

Also Present in Person: J.S. Perreault, Recording Secretary. There was one additional person in the audience.

Present via Zoom: None.

III. Seat Alternate if necessary.

Motion was made by S. Brodeur to seat L. Rosinski as a Voting Member for this meeting. Second by C. Langevin. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

IV. Review minutes from March 22, 2022 meeting.

Motion was made by C. Langevin to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 22, 2022, as presented.

Second by S. Karro. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (5-0-0).

V. Public Participation. – None.

VI. Old Business:

a. Determine what farm to have Kory film and what date to do it.

There was discussion which farms are to be filmed and which one will be done first.

It was suggested that Kingswood Farm, Allen Hill Farm, Creamery Brook Bison, and Pakulis Farm be filmed and that Kingswood be the first to be filmed. It can be expanded, if there is more interest to have other farms filmed.

Ms. Ennis will contact Kory to set the date to begin and she will inform the other Commission Members of the date.

Motion was made by S. Brodeur for the drone video to begin at Kingwood Farm (date to be determined). Second by S. Karro.

There was discussion:

- The hope is to have the video presentation ready for the Brooklyn Fair next year.
- Ms. Brodeur noted that there is an extra \$400 in the Commission's budget this year.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion was made by S. Brodeur that the four farms to be filmed will be Kingswood Farm, Creamery Brook Bison, Allen Hill Farm and Pakulis Farm.

Second by L. Rosinski.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

b. Discuss how/where we plan to present these films of local farms.

No discussion. Ms. Ennis stated that presentation will be at the Brooklyn Fair.

c. Review "old timers' meetings."

S. Karro reported:

- There were two sessions.
- In attendance at the second session, were Rudy Reznikewicz and Don Francis, who had a tremendous amount of input and told very interesting stories of the history.

There was discussion:

- Mr. Karro suggested putting together a large map, to be posted, pinpointing the historical farms and include short stories about them.
- Ms. Brodeur stated that she had recorded both meetings and took notes, but has not
 had time to transcribe them yet. She thinks that she may be able to get a large map
 from Jana Roberson. She suggest that this could also be presented at the Brooklyn
 Fair next year.
- Mr. Langevin suggested filming (with narration) the streets, farms, anecdotes, poultry and vegetables. He suggested that old photographs could also be incorporated. Although this isn't drone work, he suggested checking with Kory, or some other person who is skilled in A/V resources, about this. Ms. Brodeur will

contact Francine from the Norwich Bulletin. Mr. Karro suggested checking with The Last Green Valley.

- Ms. Brodeur will research about getting a kiosk for the Fair and other events.
- Ms. Brodeur will contact The Last Green Valley to see if they would like to work on this project. There may be grant money available.
- There was discussion regarding putting Ag Commission information in the Town Newsletter. Currently, it is only provided online. Ms. Brodeur will contact April.
- d. Other Old Business None.

VII. New Business:

a. Date of next meeting?

There was discussion and it was decided that the Commission would meet in August if Ms. Brodeur is able to get information from The Last Green Valley to work on.

- b. Any other new business to come before this meeting.
 - Mr. Karro stated that he had contacted Gagnon Signs regarding a sign for the Farmers' Market. There have been issues with parking.

Motion was made by S. Karro to approve an amount of up to \$200 for an additional sign for the Farmers' Market at Brooklyn Common.

Second by S. Brodeur. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

- Mr. Karro brought up discussion regarding the Little Dipper Farm. There is concern regarding how it will affect that area as well as the rest of Brooklyn. The element of recreation could be overwhelming to that area. Ms. Brodeur suggested that she could contact them to see if they would give a tour for the Ag Commission Members. There was agreement that the Ag Commission would like to see a thorough presentation of the project before giving approval/consent. Ms. Ennis suggested having them come before the Ag Commission for discussion.
- VIII. Public Participation None.
- IX. Adjourn. (Next meeting August 23, 2022).

Motion was made by S. Brodeur to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Second by C. Langevin. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault Recording Secretary