

;Brooklyn Agriculture Commission
Tuesday, September 23, 2013
Brooklyn Town Hall

Present: Lou Brodeur, Joyce Meader, Charlie Langevin
Guests: Bill Carver Jr, Ann Ennis, Josh King; Sally Timmons

Minutes Motion to approve (CL, JM)

Old Business:

Walkoctober: Apples will be picked by Joyce for walk
Cider will be picked up by Lou.
Sally will be making pumpkin muffins
Kingston Turf will be demonstrating cutting, irrigation system.
Chris Murphy invited??
Producer Forum: S. Timmons provided questions for commission to ask farmers.
Lou Brodeur will moderate the questions that the commission will
choose (Sally will email to review).
Nov 19 Producer Forum on 7-9 PM
Community Garden: Gary Zurec plans to attend the meeting Sept 26th in
Coventry.

New Business:

Barrett Hill Farm wishes to sell a conservation easement to protect the fields. J. Meader questioned whether the fields were in production agriculture. The Brooklyn Conservation Commission's rating of the Barrett Hill Farm for open space preservation is another question needing an answer. Open space funds would need to be approved by the town for matching state dept of ag or dept of energy and environmental protection open space protection funds. C. Langevin moved to table the farm's request until these answers can be obtained. Seconded by J. Meader.

Other:

Brooklyn agriculture diversity being photographed by J. Meader and town farmers for power point presentation to be shown at town events on ACER touch panel computer.

C. Poirier emailed about the need for gleaning of surplus produce by volunteers for food pantry shelves.

B. Carver was encouraged to stop by the town hall to be sworn into the Ag Commission.

Next meeting: 4th Tuesday in October
Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Sincerely,

Joyce e. Meader, Secretary