

**Brooklyn Agricultural Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 27, 2022
7:00 PM
Clifford B. Green Building
69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT**

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MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** – Charles Langevin, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call (5 Regular and 3 Alternates)** – Charles Langevin, Vice Chair; Lou Brodeur; Sandra Brodeur; Stanley Karro; Lachelle Rosinski; Anne Ennis arrived at 7:02 p.m.(all present in person).
Sara Deschaies resigned.

Also Present in Person: J.S. Perreault, Recording Secretary.

Present via Zoom: None.
- III. Seat Alternate if necessary** – None.
- IV. Review minutes from August 23, 2022 meeting.**

Motion was made by S. Karro to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2022, as presented.

Second by S. Brodeur. No discussion.

Motion carried by voice vote (3-0-2). L. Brodeur and L. Rosinski abstained as they had not attended that meeting. A. Ennis was not present for this Motions.

V. Public Participation – None.

VI. Old Business:

- a. Status of filming by Kory at Kingswood Farm.

S. Brodeur reported that Kory had made the film. Ms. Ennis arrived at 7:02 p.m. and the video was shown. Since narration had not been incorporated yet, Ms. Ennis explained what was happening in each segment of the 2.5 minutes of video footage.

Everyone liked the video. There was discussion and there were suggestions: include more video of the milk process; add graphics with statistics; add some springtime work. It was suggested that the video for each farm be 4 or 5 minutes long. Ms. Ennis will speak with Kory and will have information at the next meeting.

The video was shown a second time.

- b. Plans for Old Timers' events?

S. Karro reported that the Last Green Valley people are busy at this time with Walktober events, so he has not spoken with them yet. He feels that November will be a better time to approach them.

- c. Other Old Business.

S. Karro commented that there is a public hearing scheduled for the Little Dipper Farm in the beginning of November.

VII. New Business:

- a. Work on a draft of what we want to do to create a history of farming in Brooklyn.

S. Brodeur suggested coming up with a mission statement or a reason for doing it.

J. Roberson had provided some large maps (possibly from the 1930's) which may be a good starting point. There was discussion:

- Ms. Brodeur stated that she has gathered some information regarding the history of Brooklyn.
- When we speak to the Last Green Valley, Ms. Brodeur would like to be able to explain to them the reason for doing it and what we want to accomplish.
- Ms. Ennis spoke of how the history is important as there aren't many farms left in Brooklyn and that her family may possibly sell their cows next year.

- b. Date of next meeting?

It was decided not to meet in October. Next meeting to be November 22, 2022.

- c. Any other new business to come before this meeting.

- Discussion continued regarding Agenda Item VII.a:

- Ms. Brodeur suggested that Commission Members take the maps home so everyone will have a change to look at them.
- Ms. Ennis has another map (that may provide additional information) that she may be able to bring to the next meeting.
- The Commission Members will think about ideas for a mission statement which Ms. Brodeur noted would need to be compiled before the November meeting since Mr. Karro will be speaking with the Last Green Valley in November.

- There was discussion about apples and cider.

VIII. Public Participation – None.

IX. Adjourn (Next meeting November 22, 2022).

Motion was made by C. Langevin to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Second by L. Brodeur. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously (6-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault

Recording Secretary