

Call to order 7:00 PM

Brooklyn Agriculture Commission  
Tuesday, July 23, 2013  
Brooklyn Town Hall

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Present: Lou Brodeur, chairman, Joyce Meader, Stan Karro, Sherri Vogt

Minutes of June 25, 2013 Approved (Karro, Vogt)

Old Business:

**Walktober** – State Representative Chris Murphy will be invited by S. Vogt

**November 26th Producer Forum** farmers will be called at 7 AM and surveyed about issues by S. Vogt. She will ask for email addresses and tell them about fall forum. L. Brodeur will reserve the Clifford Green meeting room for 7 PM. Chairs will be arranged in circle.

**Back to School Bar-B-Q** – send letter to Brooklyn farmers introducing Kevin Tewksbury who will visit the farms to take pictures for power point.

**New members?** – Sally Timmons is not allowed to join the commission, being a USDA employee.

**Land protection** – The various protection options will be reviewed at the fall forum. All farm land owners should be invited (not just the farmers).

**Community Garden** – Meader will discuss use of Church property with the Conservation Commission. Water use is billed by Crystal Water for the Riverside Park hydrants. J. Meader will write an article for the Brooklyn town newsletter, inviting Brooklyn residents to attend an Ag Commission meeting if interested in starting a town community garden. Plot fees would cover cost of water, fence maintenance, and compost if desired. J. Meader suggested that the group could visit Community Gardens in Columbia and Putnam.

New Business:

**Town Kiosk** – S. Karro demonstrated the Canterbury kiosk showing farms and other town resources (Finnish American Center...) L. Brodeur will ask A. Tanner about the town investing in an ACER touch panel pc (\$1600). The different commissions could show pictures at public meetings, including the school Bar-B-Q.

**Brooklyn Newsletter** – the Ag Commission will provide the town with articles about local farms.

Next Meeting: August 27, 2013

Adjourned: 8:15 PM

Sincerely,

Joyce E. Meader, Secretary