

Brooklyn Agricultural Commission
Tuesday, April 24, 2018
7:00 PM
Town Hall

MINUTES

I. **Call to Order** – Chairperson, Anne Ennis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Anne Ennis, Chairperson; Charles Langevin, Vice Chairperson; Lou Brodeur; Sandra Brodeur; S. Karro; J. Meader.

Also Present: A.J. Kerouac

III. Seat alternate if necessary – No Alternate seated for this meeting.

IV. Review minutes from Regular Meeting of March 27, 2018.

Motion was made by S. Brodeur to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2018, as presented. Second by L. Brodeur. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

V. **Public Participation**

A.J. Kerouac announced that he is, officially, a candidate running for the 50th District (Brooklyn, Pomfret, Woodstock, Eastford, Union). He asked for support and he asked the Commission Members to inform him of any concerns or questions they may have. There was discussion regarding farm stands and the Zoning Map.

Mr. Kerouac provided donation forms to those that were interested as requested by S. Brodeur.

Point of Order by L. Brodeur to add the following items to the Agenda:

- Brooklyn Fair Booth
- AgVocate Meeting (end of March)
- Walktober

VI. **Old Business:**

A. Committee report for: "History of Agriculture in Brooklyn."

S. Karro did not have a report.

J. Meader commented that Katie Bogert has a book about the weavers that she would like to donate to the Agriculture Commission. Ms. Meader will try to contact Ms. Bogert.

B. South Brooklyn Solar project.

No discussion.

C. Killingly Advisory Appointment.

L. Brodeur stated that there is a meeting coming up in May.

J. Meader asked who she should contact regarding CAP which is a camp for high school students in July for conservation volunteers (deadline to register is May 1st). The Windham County Extension Council has offered scholarship money. Ms. Meader will contact Mr. Couture at the Killingly High School Ag Department.

D. Brooklyn Fair Booth Discussion

It was decided to meet at the Fairgrounds on Thursday, May 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. to clean and prepare the Ag Commission's site.

Mr. Langevin may have some photos from the last 15-20 years.

S. Karro may have some photos.

There was discussion regarding crop rotation records.

E. Discussion of possible suggestions to present to the PZC for Zoning Map changes.

No discussion.

VII. New Business:

A. Any other business to come before this meeting.

1. Walktober

Applications are due soon (possibly June 1st)

S. Karro suggested a hike at Hillendale/Golden Lamb. J. Meader suggested speaking about the weavers. S. Brodeur will contact either Jimmy Booth or Katie Bogert.

There was discussion regarding a Rosenfield property (Barrett Hill Road).

2. AgVocate Meeting

- A. Ennis, L. Brodeur and S. Brodeur attended.
- There were vendors from USDA, CT Farm Trust.
- There was a speaker from UCONN.
- Joan Nichols has ideas for classes and will try to hold the Farm Safety class to this area in the fall/winter. J. Meader offered the Extension Center as a location for classes to be held.

VIII. Action Items for Next Meeting – None.

IX. Adjourn (Next meeting May 29, 2018).

Motion was made by L. Brodeur to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Second by C. Langevin. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary