

**Brooklyn Agricultural Commission**  
**Tuesday September 25, 2018**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Town Hall**

**MINUTES**

I. **Call to Order** – Chairperson, Anne Ennis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Anne Ennis, Chairperson; Charles Langevin, Vice Chairperson; Lou Brodeur; Sandra Brodeur; Stanley Karro. Joyce Meader arrived at 7:08 p.m.

III. Seat alternate if necessary – None.

IV. Review minutes from August 28, 2018 Meeting

S. Brodeur took the minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2018, due to the Recording Secretary not being present at the meeting. Minutes for the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting to be reviewed at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

V. Public Participation – None.

VI. Old Business:

A. Committee report for: “History of Agriculture in Brooklyn.”

S. Karro asked for suggestions as to how to proceed because he does not have the time to focus on this project. Perhaps someone from outside the Agriculture Commission would be interested. There was discussion regarding the Knowlton’s of the Historical Society. Mr. Karro does not feel they would be able to take over.

B. South Brooklyn Solar project.

S. Brodeur stated that she had read in the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes that the solar program might be presented to the State again in December or January.

C. Killingly Advisory appointment.

Lou Brodeur reported that they met recently. His membership will expire in the beginning of 2019. Another representative from Brooklyn is needed and he had recommended A. Ennis previously. Mr. Brodeur suggested that the Brooklyn Agriculture Commission send a letter of recommendation to the Brooklyn Board of Education (which appoints the people to the Killingly Advisory Board).

J. Meader arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Motion was made by Lou Brodeur to send a letter to the Brooklyn Board of Education requesting that he and Anne Ennis be nominated for the Killingly Advisory Board. Second by C. Langevin. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

D. Suggestions for zoning map changes?

J. Meader spoke with Jana Roberson and was told that there would be a registration fee for a farm stand, however, there are not a lot of rules. Seasonal farm stands won’t need a permit. Ms. Roberson will send the language to Ms. Meader. There was discussion.

S. Brodeur stated that she read the proposed regulations and she doesn't feel that there are any problems. L. Brodeur agreed.

E. Brooklyn Fair

S. Brodeur and L. Brodeur worked to prepare the booth and restocked supplies. There was discussion regarding the removal of the materials after the Fair. The display had been moved to a different location this year which was near the children's section. There was discussion regarding this year's Fair and also about starting the planning earlier for next year.

VII. New Business:

A. Any new business to come before this meeting.

1. Discussion regarding the Arbor Acres property on Stetson Road owned by Billy Carver.  
J. Meader spoke with Mr. Carver and he is interested in hearing recommendations. He needs to repair fencing.
2. L. Brodeur read a letter from Ken Couture from the Ag Department at the High School stating that Pat Herrick is asking for help at Veronica Methurin's farm (Mount Calm Farm) in Brooklyn (at the corner of South Street and Fortin). The high school students will be working there on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
There was discussion and this was tabled.
3. S. Brodeur reported that the tractor safety course was excellent. She would like to have a joint training session with Fire Departments in the area or to have him give a presentation at the VoAg meeting with Canterbury. The presenter is preparing a farm medic guide. There is no cost other than for the educational materials. There was discussion. Ms. Brodeur will be getting the PowerPoint of the presentation.  
There was also a speaker on crop insurance. There were about 20-25 people in attendance. L. Brodeur and S. Brodeur co-sponsored the event.
4. J. Meader provided a UCONN handout with survey information regarding Tree Mortality in Eastern CT due to gypsy moths. There was discussion regarding the situation in Brooklyn. There are two crews from CL&P and one crew from Brooklyn working on this.  
J. Meader stated that there is a secondary mortality happening now due to fungus. Discussion continued.
5. There was discussion regarding the Parade and Re-Enactment/Encampment Event this Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

VIII. Action Items for Next Meeting – None.

IX. Adjourn (Next meeting October 23, 2018).

The date of the next Regular Meeting of the Brooklyn Agriculture Commission was erroneously stated as October 30, 2018, on the Agenda.

Motion was made by L. Brodeur to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Second by C. Langevin. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault  
Recording Secretary