

**Brooklyn Agricultural Commission**  
**Tuesday May 28, 2019**  
**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; Stanley Karro; Sandra Brodeur; Lou Brodeur. J. Meader was absent with notice.

III. **Seat alternate if necessary** – None.

IV. **Review minutes:**

A. April 23, 2019

Motion was made by C. Langevin to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2019. Second by S. Karro. Motion carried (3-0-2). L. Brodeur and S. Brodeur abstained because they had not attended the meeting.

V. **Public Participation** – None.

VI. **Old Business**

A. Walktober

- J. Meader had sent an e-mail to Commission Members.
- Ms. Brodeur will make sure that Bill Reid gets information needed.
- C.Langevin stated that Joyce Meader had done the walk. Mr. Langevin met with Bill and they are in agreement that they have to walk with Nick Bellantoni. Mr. Reid will work on it as well as J. Meader.

C. Langevin stated that if they want to do Dyer Dam (Davis Property) he is not sure how it would go.

Cut off at 60 participants.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Statute being written for the founding of the Last Green Valley is on that date, so they are planning a small celebration at Allen Hill Tree Farm after the walk. There will be some additional people attending as well.

Mr. Langevin asked about Ms. Meader's reference to June 2<sup>nd</sup>. He e-mailed her earlier in the day letting her know that everything is covered except for the write-up for the Walktober publication (June 3<sup>rd</sup>). There was discussion. Ms. Brodeur will follow-up on the date and will ask if anything else is needed.

Mr. Langevin stated that there may be some Colonial structures and he said that Bill seems very knowledgeable about the Colonial waterways.

Park at Allen Hill Tree Farm, wagon down, then walk. He will have some wagons parked by the River for those who may want/need to ride back up the hill. Then, there will be the celebration at 12:00 p.m.

- L. Brodeur spoke about Mortlake possibly following along the River and along the roads with their ATV.
- There was discussion regarding an area where there is high water which, hopefully, in November the water will be lower as it may be difficult for some people to cross. Mr. Langevin did not know what rating the walk might get.

- Mr. Langevin may need one more tractor if limiting to 60 participants. Mr. Brodeur will help with this.

B. Brooklyn Fair Display

A. Ennis will speak with Ryan (President) about where the display will be located before planning the time to set up. She will find out if Plainfield would like to participate. She will contact Agri-Mart to see if they will donate anything (e.g. coloring books).

S. Brodeur will ask if the Extension Center and the Brooklyn Conservation Commission (Sustainable Connecticut) would like to participate.

C. Farmers' Market Discussion

- The new sign is ready and there was discussion regarding putting it up near the Fairgrounds (east lot across from the cemetery) which will happen when Mr. Langevin returns from out of Town. No permit is necessary in that location.
- There was discussion regarding putting another sign either at the Don Francis Recreation Area or on the Ennis property (a permit would be required for this location).
- There was discussion regarding getting more vendors as discussed with Betsy Molodich. Ms. Ennis asked Sunnyside Farm, but did not seem interested.
- The Farmers' Market does not want to move.
- Ms. Brodeur mentioned advertising in the Brooklyn Newsletter.
- Mr. Langevin commented that it would be nice if WalMart had a section for local produce vendors (like Big Y and Sweet Peas). There was discussion regarding what is considered local.

VII. New Business:

A. Discussion regarding possible participation with the Conservation Commission regarding Sustainable Connecticut.

Ms. Brodeur was unable to attend their last meeting, but they are still interested in having help from the Ag Commission. She believes that there are only three people right now. She will try to find out more information.

B. Any new business to come before this meeting.

- There was discussion regarding an event by Joyce Meader at Allen Hill Tree Farm on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 7 pm to 9 pm. There will be a guest speaker regarding geothermal.
- There was discussion about solar.

VIII. Action Items for Next Meeting – None.

IX. Adjourn (Next meeting June 25, 2019).

Motion was made by L. Brodeur to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Second by C. Langevin. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault  
Recording Secretary