

**Brooklyn Agricultural Commission**  
**Tuesday, August 27, 2019**  
**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; Stanley Karro; Sandra Brodeur; Lou Brodeur.

**Also Present:** A. J. Kerouac

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

IV. **Review minutes:**

A. June 25, 2019

Motion was made by S. Karro to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2019. Second by L. Brodeur. No discussion. Motion carried (5-0-0).

V. **Public Participation**

**A.J. Kerouac** asked if the Brooklyn Ag Commission budgets money to help out with things like the Farmers' Market (e.g. signage).

Mr. Brodeur explained that they have one sign to install this year, at the Fair Grounds, and they will have money to get another to install by the old Grange Hall on Route 6 next year.

**Mr. Kerouac** asked if any Farmers' Market in Brooklyn could ask for the assistance or only the Northeast Farmers' Market.

Mr. Brodeur stated that they would listen to the presentation and then make a judgment call and probably would support it. He explained that they tried to move the existing Market and received negative feedback from the people that participate there.

Mr. Karro feels that, with so much dissolution going on, forming another Market would hurt the other surrounding Markets and he is not optimistic that a new Market would succeed. He suggested putting energy into something else.

S. Brodeur suggested a driving market where somebody would drive to the factories at lunchtime as she and L. Brodeur have done in the past. She gets a lot of inquiries about it.

Discussion continued regarding finding a different kind of niche.

**Mr. Kerouac** asked if the existing Farmers' Market will continue at the Plaza now that it has sold.

Mr. Brodeur explained that he thinks that there is a gentlemen's agreement that they will still be allowed there. But, if they do need to be moved at some point, it will need to be addressed then.

VI. **Old Business**

A. Walktober

C. Langevin stated that there is nothing new to report at this time as he has not heard from the planners. (See Below, Item VII.A., for more discussion.)

B. Brooklyn Fair Display

S. Brodeur reported that she felt that the display was good and that it went well. They got rid of all of the cows. The Commission Members were thankful to Ms. Brodeur for the work that she did and Ms. Ennis for providing handouts.

There was discussion about possibly having cheese for Family Fun Day since it will be attended by Commission Members.

C. Sustainable Connecticut

Ms. Brodeur explained that there is nothing to report as she has been busy with the Fair and the Fire Department barbeque.

VII. New Business:

A. Any new business to come before this meeting. – None.

There was discussion regarding Walktober (November 2<sup>nd</sup>). Mr. Langevin explained that they will need to do a walk-thru with Nick Bellantone and Bill Reid to plan the Event. The application has been done. Ms. Brodeur noted that the Conservation Commission will help out (possibly by handing out water). It is expected to be well attended (60 people will fit on the wagon and they have four tractors).

Ms. Brodeur mentioned that the Commission still needs to come up with a purpose regarding Sustainable Connecticut.

There was discussion regarding recruiting new Commission Members.

There were discussions about corn and required permitting regarding hemp.

VIII. Action Items for Next Meeting – None.

IX. Adjourn (Next meeting September 24, 2019).

Motion was made by L. Brodeur to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Second by S. Brodeur. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault  
Recording Secretary