

Brooklyn Agricultural Commission
Tuesday September 26, 2023
7:00 PM
Town Hall Conference Room
There will be no Zoom log-in available for this meeting.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** – Lou Brodeur, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call (5 Regular and 3 Alternates)** – Lou Brodeur, Chair; Charles Langevin, Vice Chair; Ann Ennis; and Stanley Karro.
Sandra Brodeur was absent with notice.
Lachelle Rosinski was absent.

Also Present: J.S. Perreault, Recording Secretary.

- III. Seat Alternate if necessary.** – None.
- IV. Review Minutes from the July 25, 2023 Meeting.**

Motion was made by C. Langevin to accept the Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2023, as presented.

Second by S. Karro. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (4-0-0)

- V. Public Participation** – None.

VI. Old Business:

- a. Continue discussion regarding filming with Cory. Probably done filming this year and plan to resume in the spring. We sent Cory a gift certificate and a card for his mishap. Thanks, Charlie for picking up the Gift Certificate.

Ms. Ennis will contact Cory regarding filming on a weekend (after Thanksgiving) at Allen Hill Farm during Christmas tree season.

There was discussion regarding reimbursement to C. Langevin for the gift certificate.

- b. Discussion of setup at the booth for Brooklyn Fair. We ended up in our old section which in my estimation was not a good location due to visibility and traffic. If we do something next year, we should try to be in the Better Living building.

All went well. Compliments were received regarding the nine-minute video. Due to the location, they did not get good visibility, not many brochures were disseminated. Mr. Langevin expressed that he felt that the space was not adequate. There was agreement that the Better Living Building would be a better location for next time.

There was discussion regarding getting more local photos on posters to display.

A. Ennis and S. Brodeur are to be reimbursed by the Town for expenses incurred.

- c. We ended up cancelling our presentation in the “Celebrating Agriculture” event because of the pending weather and the lack of participation from the members. Maybe next year we can try again. We donated some of the cheese from Cabot to Brooklyn Cares open house and

some to the local fire department. Some may also be donated to the East Brooklyn/Mortlake banquet at Allen Hill Farm in early November.

L. Brodeur explained about the decision to cancel, but the weather wasn't as bad as what had been predicted. Ms. Ennis (her cows were there) explained that attendance was still okay and people enjoyed it. Mr. Brodeur said that we can try again next year.

d. Any other old business?

There was discussion regarding Little Dipper Farm and whether they will pursue glamping. Mr. Langevin suggested that it would be good to have a representative from Little Dipper Farm come to Ag Commission meetings.

VII. New Business

a. Any new topics for ways to promote agriculture in Brooklyn that members want to discuss?

- Mr. Langevin suggested enhancing the video and more still photos (with captions) of the farms and to put it on the website.

There were suggestions that Corey take video of the following to be included:

- Farmers' Market
- Little Dipper Farm
- Daigle Farm
- Preserved land

Ms. Ennis will invite Corey to discuss the above.

- Mr. Karro spoke about previous Killingly Vo-Ag programs/grants.
Mr. Karro suggested that farm owners could be guest speakers and he suggested that it could be Co-Chaired with other Ag Commissions in the area.
Mr. Brodeur said that he will be attending a meeting there on Thursday and he will speak with Courtney Cardinal to see if there would be any interest in doing something in February, March or April.
- Mr. Karro also mentioned previous programs with EastConn.
Mr. Brodeur explained that it was a work program for students.
- Mr. Brodeur mentioned that there is a farm safety program.

b. Any other new business to come before this meeting?

There was discussion regarding the effect of the recent heavy, rainy weather on the corn and hay.

VIII. Action Items for Next Meeting

Ms. Ennis will invite Corey to come to the October meeting.

IX. Public Participation – None.

X. Adjourn (Next Meeting October 24, 2023).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary