

**Brooklyn Agricultural Commission
Special Meeting
Tuesday, July 25, 2023
7:00 PM
Town Hall Conference Room
There will be no Zoom log-in available for this meeting.**

REVISED MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** – Lou Brodeur, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call (5 Regular and 3 Alternates)** – Lou Brodeur, Chair; Charles Langevin, Vice Chair; Ann Ennis; Sandra Brodeur; Lachelle Rosinski. Stanley Karro arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Also Present: Martha Ennis; Austin Tanner; Caroline Tanner; Debbi Tanner; J.S. Perreault, Recording Secretary.

- III. Seat Alternate if necessary.**

L. Rosinski was seated as a Voting Member until S. Karro arrived.

- IV. Review Minutes from the June 27, 2023 Meeting.**

Motion was made by C. Langevin to accept the Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2023, as presented.

Second by S. Brodeur. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (5-0-0)

- V. Public Participation** – None.

- VI. Old Business:**

- a. Continue discussion regarding filming with Cory LeBlanc, who may be present, and possibly review the video for a trial run with the TV that was purchased for use at the Fair.

Due to inclement weather, the TV was not able to be set up to view the video.

Martha Ennis will attend this meeting to show the video on her laptop for viewing by the Commission. See below, following the last bullet point.

- b. Discussion of setup at the booth for the Brooklyn Fair. What will be needed? Table, handouts, couple of folding chairs, extension cord.

Check with USDA to get pamphlets to support agriculture and also UCONN Department of Agriculture for pamphlets.

Anything else that might be needed for the booth?

Brooklyn Fair is August 24-27.

- Sandy Brodeur and Stan Karro are checking on Farmers' Market brochures. Ms. Brodeur stated that she had not had the opportunity yet. Also regarding this item, see below, just before Agenda Item VII. New Business.
- Ann Ennis asking Department of Agriculture for brochures as well as Mystic Cheese. Ms. Ennis stated that she has tried to contact the USDA, but has not heard back from them yet. She will call them again.

Mystic Cheese may put something together.
She hasn't heard anything from Cabot regarding cheese, but she said that they may send something just before the Fair.

S. Karro arrive at this time - 7:04 p.m. Mr. Brodeur stated that Mr. Karro will assume his position as Voting Member.

- Sandy Brodeur checking on Ag Commission table cloth.
She reported that she knows where it is and will get it.
- Setup will be Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. It will take approximately an hour-and-a-half.
Breakdown will be Sunday right after the fair closes at 6:00 p.m.
Mr. Brodeur will participate in setup and breakdown.
Mr. Langevin offered to help with setup and breakdown.
Ms. Ennis will do her best to be there to help with both setup and breakdown after she finishes milking.
- If the sign is not found, there was agreement among the Commission Members, that Doug Gagnon will be contacted to make a new roll-up sign that can be pinned-up on the wall.
Mr. Brodeur stated that he has not had the opportunity to check if the sign is still up on the wall.
- Ms. Ennis will contact Janet Exley regarding getting a space with an outside wall, so no petitions will be needed.
Ms. Ennis stated that she has not contacted Janet Exley yet.

Martha Ennis arrived at this time (7:05 p.m.) and showed the video on her laptop. The video is approximately nine minutes long.

The Commission Members and public commented on the video as it played and were very pleased with it. Ms. Brodeur stated that the video of Kingswood Farm would also be included to be shown at the Fair.

Mr. Langevin explained that, while he feels this video is appropriate for Fair viewing, he suggests that the video for website show one farm at a time rather than back and forth between the different farms.

There was discussion about sound and there was agreement that music should be added to the Fair video. Ms. Ennis will let Mr. LeBlanc know to use the same music as the Kingswood video. Ms. Brodeur stated that Mr. LeBlanc also should be asked for a bill. Ms. Ennis texted the information to him.

There was discussion and there was agreement that there is enough footage for the Fair. Photos from Allen Hill Farms' wedding venue could be added.

There was discussion regarding doing a dry run to make sure that all goes well. Ms. Brodeur explained that she and Lou have decided to purchase the TV for themselves and allow the Agriculture Commission to use it and that the Ag Commission would pay for the stand and other equipment needed. This would allow some money to remain in the budget.

Motion was made by C. Langevin to authorize the purchase of a TV stand and other equipment needed for use in the set-up of the television at the Brooklyn Fair.

Second by S. Brodeur.

Discussion:

Mr. Tanner stated that the Commission should have money in their budget to also pay for the TV. Ms.

Brodeur stated that it would limit would could be done regarding further filming. Mr. Tanner will check to see how much money is in the budget.

Motion was made by C. Langevin to amended his motion to authorize the purchase of a TV stand and other equipment needed for use in the set-up of the television at the Brooklyn Fair, to also state that if there is enough money in the budget for this year, the Agriculture Commission will pay for the TV also.

S. Brodeur seconded the amendment to the Main Motion.

There was one vote taken for both the Amendment and the Main Motion, as amended, which carried unanimously by voice vote (5-0-0)

Discussion continued regarding getting together to do a dry-run of the video set-up on the TV equipment before the Fair. It was decided that the get-together would take place at the Brodeur's house on August 22, 2023, and that the Regular Meeting scheduled for that date may possible be cancelled.

At this time, Mr. Karro stated that he had spoken with Betsey from the Farmers' Market and she said that she will arrange to have some brochures re-printed. She also said that she may have a banner.

VII. New Business – None.

VIII. Action Items for Next Meeting - No discussion.

IX. Public Participation

There was discussion regarding possibly finding another use for the Fair video, other than just the Fair. There was a suggestion for Celebrating Ag. Mr. Brodeur stated that he will talk to Heather.

X. Adjourn (Next Regular Meeting scheduled for August 22, 2023 may possibly be cancelled).

Motion was made by S. Brodeur to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

Second by A. Ennis. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary