

Brooklyn Agricultural Commission

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

7:00 PM

Town Hall

Present: Lou Brodeur, Sandy Brodeur, Charles Langevin, Stanley Karro, and Joyce Meader

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Stan motioned to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2015. Charley seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Public Participation: None.

Old Business:

1. Joyce handed out drafts of the Brooklyn Farmers Brochure for review. We will mail the drafts to all farms and ask if they know anyone who needs to be added. Responses are due to Joyce by April 1.
2. USDA food safety program: Sandy will check on before next meeting.
3. Stan is looking for blank Brooklyn maps for the "History of Agriculture in Brooklyn." The only map he has found to date is one dated 1955. Charley asked for an estimated time for the beginning of farming for Brooklyn to get a date for the map. Farming in Brooklyn became commercial in the 1900's.
4. The Regional Agriculture Commission Meeting that was held Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at KHS went very well. Lou thanked commission members for attending. All members were present. Many towns participated. Stan sent the Farmers Cow a letter to thank them for the ice cream they donated for the meeting.
5. Topics and Speakers for 2015 were discussed. Sandy mentioned the Farm to School program. Perhaps we could get more information about this program.

John Filcheck from the Council of Governments was mentioned as a possible speaker.

It would be very beneficial to have representatives from the Farm Bureau and our Conservation Commission speak to area farmers about wet-land rules for farms. This topic is a particularly important one.

New Business:

- Election of officers for 2015 was held. All current officers remain in their position. Lou Brodeur is chairman, Charles Langevin is vice-chairman, and Joyce Meader is secretary. Stan made the motion to have the acting secretary cast one vote to elect all officers; Charley seconded it.

Action Items for Next Meeting:

- We have an opening for one alternate member.

Stan made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Charley seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Next meeting: March 24, 2015.

Sincerely,

Sandy Brodeur, acting secretary