

Brooklyn Agricultural Commission

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

7:00 PM

Town Hall

Present: Sandy Brodeur, Charles Langevin, Stanley Karro, and Deb Tanner. Guest Charlotte Merrill from Brooklyn Conservation Commission.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

C. Langevin motioned to approve the minutes from February 23, 2016. S. Brodeur seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Public Participation: None.

S. Brodeur checked with the First Selectman to determine what needed to be done to move D. Tanner to a full member and L. Brodeur to alternate. Mr. Ives said the membership could vote to make those changes. S. Karro made the motion that those changes be put into place. C. Langevin seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

A presentation was made by Matt Snurkowski, a conservation technician with the Eastern CT Conservation District. He spoke with us about the Regional Conservation Partnership Program. The program promotes coordination between the NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners. We are hoping to have this group assist the Ag Commission and the Conservation Commission to educate and possibly provide grants to conserve natural resources, cleaner and more abundant water, healthier soil, enhanced wildlife habitat, and many other benefits.

Old Business:

A. Committee Report: History of Agriculture in Brooklyn

S. Karro said they have not had a meeting lately. He thought that the family who owned Engles Tree Farm might have information. D. Tanner said she would contact the Engles' daughter, Amy. Rich Geer may be another resource. S. Karro borrowed "History of Brooklyn" from the library and will try to bring it to our next meeting.

B. Plans for Brooklyn Town Picnic – Memorial Day

We talked about handing out vials for seeds at the town picnic. This will be done with the Conservation Commission, which will have clay pots for seeds. S. Karro made a motion to spend up to \$300 for the seed program. C. Langevin seconded. All in favor; motion carried. D. Tanner will order the items.

We shelved plans for the fair and fall festival till next month.

- C. S. Brodeur said that she had checked online to price display boards to replace our current one that is in very bad shape. A good quality display board will cost approximately \$140. S. Karro made the motion to authorize S. Brodeur to purchase the new display board. C. Langevin seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

New Business:

On March 21, the First Selectman asked if we might plan something for Earth Day on April 23. We agreed that this would be too late for us to plan an event. If the town would like to plan something for next year, we will be happy to participate.

Action Item for Next Meeting:

- Brooklyn Fair Plans and Fall Festival

C. Langevin made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. S. Karro seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Next meeting: April 26, 2016.

Sincerely,

Sandy Brodeur, acting secretary