

Brooklyn Agricultural Commission

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

7:00 PM

Town Hall

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Joyce motioned to approve the minutes from April 28, 2015. Sandy seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Public Participation: None.

Old Business:

- A. Joyce reported that all information has been returned for the Farmers Brochure. We are now waiting for final approval, which should be soon.
- B. Sandy and Sally reported on Family Fun Day. Response was excellent. Having children paint with veggies was very chaotic. Sandy handed out small bags with seeds, planting soil, a plastic "vase," and marigold or wild flower seeds so people could start butterfly or pollinator gardens. Even adults wanted these starter kits. We had many brochures about farm stands in the area and large pollinator posters that we distributed. Based on the public's response, we would like to have a display at the Brooklyn Fair. Lou will check to see if it is possible to get a space at no charge.
- C. Stan has tentatively scheduled a meeting with Don Frances and others for June 8 to work on the history of agriculture in Brooklyn.
- D. Walktober registration has not been completed yet. After meeting with the Ennis farm family, Joyce and the Ennis's decided that there were safety issues with people walking on the road to get to the field. We will sponsor Pakulis Farm again. Sandy will handle the registration with the Last Green Valley.

- E. Signage regulations were discussed. Lou brought a copy of Brooklyn's current sign regulations. Sandy and Lou will put together a tentative recommendation for Planning and Zoning for our next meeting for discussion.
- F. We have a copy of Killingly's regulations for home owner chicken farmers in residential areas. Joyce gave us a copy of "Livestock for Educational Projects & Small Plot Farming." Sally and Joyce will work on putting together our recommendation for Planning and Zoning concerning this matter. Lou will check to see if there is a deadline for our recommendation.

New Business: None.

Action Items for Next Meeting:

- We have an opening for one alternate member.
- Deadline for recommendations for Planning and Zoning.
- Space at the Brooklyn Fair for a display.

Charles made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Joyce seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Next meeting: June 23, 2015.

Sincerely,

Sandy Brodeur, acting secretary