

Brooklyn Agricultural Commission

Tuesday August 25, 2015

7:00 PM

Town Hall

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

S. Karro *motioned* to approve the June 23, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. C. Langevin *seconded*. *All in favor; motion carried.*

Public Participation: None

Old Business:

Brooklyn Farmers Brochure, Arrival and Distribution: J. Meader stated that two copies of the brochure will be sent to each business mentioned in the brochure. Businesses may request up to 25 brochures by contacting L. Brodeur and S. Brodeur. She noted that the cover letter accompanying the brochures requests that recipients let L. Brodeur know about any new farm businesses of which they are aware. J. Meader will provide First Selectman Rick Ives with some brochures. C. Langevin inquired as to how the brochure will be displayed at the Brooklyn Fair. J. Meader stated that the brochures will be on the table; there is not enough room for the brochure to be added to the display. S. Karro noted that Sweet Peas and Brooklyn Market would like some brochures. He can deliver them. J. Meader said that tomorrow the brochures will be mailed out to the businesses mentioned in the brochure.

Walktober at Pakulis Farm & Kingston Turf Farm: L. Brodeur stated that everything is all set for these events.

Committee report for "History of Agriculture in Brooklyn:" S. Karro stated that the Committee has nothing to report this month.

Further discussion on (home owner) chicken farmers in residential areas and future recommendations on regs concerning same: J. Meader stated that Land Use Administrator Jana Butts Roberson is currently on maternity leave. It may be helpful to speak with Planning & Zoning Chairperson Carlene Kelleher regarding this matter. She noted that Killingly is having problems with chicken farming in residential areas. She feels that chicken farmers must act responsibly by 1) preventing rodents from having access to grain; 2) covering the tops of chicken coops so that chickens cannot wander onto other properties; and 3) placing tarps over manure piles.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Reserved Parking sign that went missing last month from the Farmers Market. S. Karro reported that the sign has been recovered.

Brooklyn Fair Booth: L. Brodeur stated that the booth will be decorated tomorrow. He has ordered a 3' x 8' banner for the booth.

S. Karro *motioned* to approve up to \$300 for the purchase of a banner for the booth. C. Langevin *seconded. All in favor; motion carried.*

S. Brodeur reported that the mission statement is being printed on poster board.

J. Meader *motioned* to approve the printing of the mission statement on poster board. S. Brodeur *seconded. All in favor; motion carried.*

New Business:

J. Meader reported that the State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farm Reinvestment Grant program has been resurrected. She also noted that roaming livestock are now the responsibility of NECCOG.

S. Karro stated that First Selectman Rick Ives recently appeared on Channel 3 to discuss Japanese knotweed.

S. Karro suggested that the new brochures be distributed to both the Planning & Zoning and Conservation Commissions.

S. Brodeur provided a brief update on the activities of the Source Water Sub-Committee of the Conservation Commission. Marc Cohen of the Atlantic States Rural Water and Wastewater Association is assisting the Sub-Committee in the preparation of a source water protection plan for Brooklyn. The next meeting of the Sub-Committee will be held in October.

C. Langevin *motioned* to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. S. Karro *seconded. All in favor; motion carried.*

Next meeting September 23, 2015

Sincerely,

Shelley Hopkins, Recording Secretary