

Brooklyn Agricultural Commission

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

7:00 PM

Town Hall

Present: Charles Langevin, Sandy Brodeur, Lou Brodeur, and Sally Timmons.

Charles Langevin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and appointed Sally Timmons for Deb Tanner.

Public Participation: None

Minutes from July and August meetings: S. Brodeur *motioned* to approve the July 26, 2016 and August 23, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. C. Langevin *seconded*. **All in favor; motion carried.**

Old Business:

“History of Agriculture in Brooklyn” Report: None.

Update on Food Safety Seminar: C. Langevin stated that D. Tanner is exploring the concept of a food safety seminar. S. Timmons noted that the Commission previously discussed holding an event at CLiCK, Inc. (Commercially Licensed Cooperative Kitchen) in Willimantic. One of the concerns about this idea is whether farmers will be too busy to participate in such an event.

Work on Website Revisions: It was noted that J. Meader sent an e-mail recommending that a link to the “Right To Farm” Law be posted on the Commission’s page. S. Timmons would like to see links to The Last Green Valley and the Killingly High School Ag-Ed Program. S. Brodeur discussing posting links to UConn Extension and CLiCK, Inc. C. Langevin suggested the Commission continue work on this project at its next meeting before making a final determination.

Fall Festival: C. Langevin reported that the Commission did not have a display at the festival because festival sponsors wanted to restrict participation to arts and crafts vendors.

New Business:

Ideas for Outreach and Education for the Children in our Town: S. Timmons would like to continue the Agriculture in the Classroom Program. She also would like to see the Killingly High School Ag-Ed Program more aggressively promoted. The idea of bussing middle school students to tour the program was discussed. The Commission discussed the possibility of encouraging the Board of Education to support this idea. C. Langevin noted that the discussion of outreach and education ideas will remain an ongoing project.

Any Other Business Proper to Come Before the Committee: S. Brodeur inquired about the status of the AGvocate Program. S. Timmons stated that because the program is no longer funded, the group has not been particularly active.

L. Brodeur ***motioned*** to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. S. Brodeur ***seconded***. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Hopkins

Recording Secretary