

Brooklyn Agricultural Commission

Tuesday, November 22, 21016

7:00 PM

Town Hall

Present: Sandy Brodeur, Charles Langevin, Stan Karro, Debbie Tanner. Anne Ennis and Josh King also attended.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

S. Brodeur motioned to approve the minutes from November 1, 2016 . D. Tanner seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Public Participation: None.

Old Business:

- A. S. Karro reported on the History of Ag in Brooklyn. He suggested that we should get a history of the Allen Hill Tree Farm. Elaine Knowlton may have information about the Harrington Farm on Church Street. Linda Freeze may have more information, too. Jeff Westfall also has information about other local farms. C. Langevin asked Anne Ennis if she could find some history of the Ennis farm.

- B. D. Tanner provided an update on the Food Safety Seminar. She has been discussing this with Joan Nichols from the Farm Bureau. There may be grant money that we can use to pay for this program. The program will be held at CLICK in Willimantic. CLICK is a Commercially Licensed Cooperative Kitchen that offers shared use of commercial kitchens to farmers and culinary entrepreneurs seeking to create food-based businesses. The Food Safety Modification Act that was passed in 2016 made new regulations about how we produce and prepare food for sale. We will invite all Brooklyn farmers and other Ag Commissions to attend. We will have this event in February or March.

- C. The Website revision was tabled until our next meeting.

New Business:

We will hold our election of officers until our January meeting. D. Tanner will be unable to be the Chairperson for next year.

S. Karro motioned that we not have a meeting on December 27. S. Brodeur seconded.
Passed unanimously.

Action Items for Next Meeting:

- Finalize plans for Food Safety Seminar.
- Work on website revisions.
- Promoting Killingly Ag School to Brooklyn students. Possibility of students getting a tour of the facility.

S. Karro made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. D. Tanner seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Next meeting: January 24, 2017.

Sincerely,

Sandy Brodeur, acting secretary