Brooklyn Agricultural Commission Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:00 PM Clifford B. Green Building

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MINUTES

- **I.** Call to Order Lou Brodeur, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. Roll Call (5 Regular and 3 Alternates) Lou Brodeur, Chair; Charles Langevin, Vice Chair; Ann Ennis; Sandra Brodeur; Lachelle Rosinski (all present in person).
 Stanley Karro was absent.

Also Present in Person: J.S. Perreault, Recording Secretary.

Present via Zoom: None.

III. Seat Alternate if necessary.

Motion was made by C. Langevin to seat L. Rosinski as a Voting Member for this meeting in the absence of S. Karro.

Second by S. Brodeur. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (4-0-0)

IV. Approve minutes of the January 24, 2023 meeting.

Motion was made by A. Ennis to accept the Minutes of the January 24, 2023, as presented. Second by S. Brodeur. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (5-0-0).

V. Public Participation

There were no comments from the public, either in person or online.

VI. Old Business:

a. View the revised video of Kingswood Farm by Kory LeBlanc.

The video was not able to be viewed due to technical difficulties, therefore, this was tabled to the next meeting. A. Ennis explained that Mr. LeBlanc doubled the amount of time that captions are displayed. Ms. Ennis explained that, prior to Mr. LeBlanc taking the video of her farm, she had discussed with him what she wanted to be included in the video.

There was discussion and it was decided to have Mr. LeBlanc take seasonal videos at the farms. C. Langevin stated that he will contact Mr. LeBlanc about this and about having the tree planting season filmed at Allen Hill Farm. There was discussion about possibly having him go back to Kingswood Farm for corn planting season and manure spreading season. Mr. Langevin will speak with Mr. LeBlanc about this also.

b. Other Old Business – None.

VII. New Business:

a. Set new Budget for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

Items discussed:

• Videos of remaining farms.

There was discussion regarding that there is approximately \$3,000 remaining in the current Budget after paying Mr. LeBlanc the \$600 for filming Kingswood Farm, which the Commission has until June 30th to spend. More money will need to be put in the FY 2023-2024 Budget to film the remaining farms.

Mr. Langevin suggested that Mr. LeBlanc be invited to the next meeting to discuss the calendar year (seasonal) and to get a price to determine how much to put in the Budget. Ms. Brodeur agreed and explained that there is still time to work on putting the Budget together. Ms. Ennis will contact Mr. LeBlanc.

Motion was made by A. Ennis to authorize payment to Kory LeBlanc in the amount of \$600 out of the Brooklyn Agriculture Commission Funds.

Second by S. Langevin. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (5-0-0).

Kiosk

S. Brodeur provided kiosk information. There was discussion regarding whether the Town would want to purchase a kiosk that could be used by other Departments/Commissions. Ms. Brodeur will check with the Town.

L. Rosinski explained about possibly being able to use a smart television instead, which would be more economical.

There was discussion regarding which would be the better option. Ms. Brodeur and Ms. Rosinski will research the options.

Discussion continued. If the kiosk/videos are not ready by the Fair, photos can be displayed as a slide show and a preview of what will be coming next year. There may enough money left in this year's Budget to buy the television.

- b. Discuss possibilities for building a kiosk to play films at the Fair See above.
- c. Any new ideas for what to do in 2023?

Ms. Brodeur commented that the drone filming and the Fair display will keep the Commission busy for 2023. More farms may want to participate. She asked that Commission Members keep an eye out for events at farms and she suggested taking pictures.

There was discussion about how Mystic Cheese buys milk from Kingswood Farm.

VIII. Public Participation

There were no comments from the public, either in person or online.

IX. Adjourn (Next Meeting – March 28, 2023).

Motion was made by S. Brodeur adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Second by A. Ennis. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault Recording Secretary

Attachment: Kiosk Information