

Brooklyn Agricultural Commission
Regular Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, June 27, 2023
7:00 PM
Town Hall Conference Room
There will be no Zoom log-in available for this meeting.

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order** – Lou Brodeur, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call (5 Regular and 3 Alternates)** – Lou Brodeur, Chair; Charles Langevin, Vice Chair; Stanley Karro; Ann Ennis.
Sandra Brodeur and Lachelle Rosinski were absent with notice.
- III. Seat Alternate if necessary** – None.
- IV. Review Minutes from the May 23, 2023 Meeting.**

Motion was made by C. Langevin to accept the Minutes of the May 23, 2023, as presented.

Second by A. Ennis. No discussion.

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

- V. Public Participation** – None.
- VI. Old Business:**
 - a. Continue discussion regarding filming with Cory LeBlanc.
Mr. Brodeur explained that he has not been in touch with Mr. LeBlanc due to the weather. He will probably do some filming later this week.
Mr. Langevin explained that they are trying to figure out how to get footage involving a wedding venue, but he has not spoken with Mr. LeBlanc since their last meeting.
 - b. Discussion of setup at the booth for the Brooklyn Fair. What will be needed? Table, handouts, couple of folding chairs, extension cord.
Check with USDA to get pamphlets to support agriculture and also UCONN Department of Agriculture for pamphlets.
Anything else that might be needed for the booth?
Brooklyn Fair is August 24-27.
 - Ann Ennis to update on Fair booth status.
She spoke with Agri-Mark and they will be sending some items (such as pamphlets/pencils, etc.). They will also provide 1,000 cheese samples, but someone will need to be there to hand them out (or they can be saved for “Celebrating Agriculture.” Mr. Karro suggested, and there was agreement, that any leftover cheese be donated to the First Responders.

- Sandy Brodeur checking on Farmers' Market brochures.
Mr. Brodeur explained that Sandy has not had a chance to check with the Farmers Market.
Mr. Karro stated that he would check with Betsy Molovich at the Northeast Farmers Market.
 - Ann Ennis asking Department of Agriculture for brochures as well as Mystic Cheese.
Ms. Ennis explained that she has not spoken with Mystic Cheese yet, but feels that they may have something.
Ms. Ennis will also contact the Department of Agriculture.
There was discussion regarding UCONN. Mr. Brodeur will ask Sandy to contact them.
Mr. Brodeur also mentioned that Sally Timmons at NRCS usually provides brochures to hand out.
 - Sandy Brodeur checking on Ag Commission table cloth.
Mr. Brodeur stated that Sandy will look for the table cloth.
 - Sandy to check with Conservation Commission to see if they are interested in participating in our booth.
Mr. Brodeur is not sure if Sandy has spoken with Diane Wimmer yet.
- c. Any other Old Business? – None.

VII. New Business:

- a. Who is available to set up booth at the Fair? Everyone on the Commission is responsible to get set-up accomplished? Setup can either be done on Wednesday August 23rd or Thursday August 24th, early morning.

Setup will be Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. It will take approximately an hour-and-a-half.

Breakdown will be Sunday right after the fair closes at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Brodeur will participate in setup and breakdown.

Mr. Langevin offered to help with setup and breakdown.

Ms. Ennis stated that she will do her best to be there to help with both setup and breakdown after she finishes milking.

There was discussion regarding the video and it was decided to invite Mr. LeBlanc to the July meeting. The TV will be setup for a trial run.

Mr. Brodeur will look into getting passes for those who need them.

- b. Do we need signage for Fair booth? – “Brooklyn Agriculture Commission”

Mr. Brodeur stated that he will look for the sign. If the sign is not found, there was agreement among the Commission Members, that Doug Gagnon will be contacted to make a new roll-up sign that can be pinned-up on the wall.

Ms. Ennis will contact Janet Exley regarding getting a space with an outside wall, so no petitions will be needed.

- c. We are going to need volunteers to dismantle the booth when the Fair is over. Things tend to disappear that night if not locked up or secured.

See above Item VII.a,

- d. Any new business to come before this meeting.

Mr. Brodeur provided a copy of the Revised 2023 Schedule of Meetings and asked if it is acceptable.

Motion was made by C. Langevin to accept the Revised Schedule of Meetings for the remaining meetings of 2023 (July through December) to be held at the Town Hall, without Zoom.

Second by S. Karro. No discussion.

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

VIII. Action Items for Next Meeting

Ms. Ennis will contact Corey LeBlanc about coming to the July meeting to discuss the video and getting clips from each farm. She will get some of his business cards.

There was discussion and it was decided, for the Fair video, to go with the whole 4-minute video of Kingsbury Farm and leave it up to Mr. LeBlanc regarding adding footage for the other farms. The hope is to be able to review it at the July meeting.

IX. Public Participation – None.

X. Adjourn (Next Meeting – July 25, 2023).

Motion was made by A. Ennis to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Second by C. Langevin. No discussion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary