

**Brooklyn Agricultural Commission
Special Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
7:00 PM
Clifford B. Green Building
69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT**

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MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** – Anne Ennis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call (5 Regular and 3 Alternates)** – Ann Ennis, Chair; Charles Langevin, Vice Chair; Lou Brodeur; Sandra Brodeur; Lachelle Rosinski (all present in person). Stanley Karro was absent with notice.

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

Present via Zoom: None.

- III. Seat Alternate if necessary** – No Alternate seated.
- IV. Review minutes from September 27, 2022 meeting.**

Motion was made by C. Langevin to accept the Minutes of the September 27, 2022, as presented.
Second by L. Brodeur.

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

- V. Public Participation** – None.

VI. Old Business:

- a. View the video by Cory LeBlanc of Kingswood Farm.

The Commission Members watched the video (without the sound) and all were pleased with it. Mr. Langevin suggested that the words remain on the screen a little longer. Ms. Ennis will relay the suggestion to Mr. LeBlanc.

There was discussion regarding payment to Mr. LeBlanc.

Motion was made by L. Brodeur to authorize payment to Cory LeBlanc in the amount of \$600 for the first section of drone video which was filmed at Kingswood Farm.

Second by S. Brodeur.

Discussion:

Mr. LeBlanc will need to submit an invoice.

Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

- b. Other Old Business.

Ms. Brodeur commented that, if the Commission wants to do something with the Elders, a schedule would be needed, but she would need help with it. The Commission decided to put this off for a few months.

VII. New Business:

- a. Vote on dates for meetings in 2023.

Motion was made by L. Brodeur to approve the Schedule of Regular Meeting Dates for 2023, as presented.

Second by S. Brodeur.

Discussion:

There was discussion regarding the December 26th date. It was decided to keep it scheduled and, if the Commission decides not to meet on that date, it could be cancelled.

Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

- b. Vote for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2023.

Motion was made by S. Brodeur to nominate L. Brodeur as Chairperson for 2023.

Second by A. Ennis.

Discussion: Ms. Ennis could use a break.

There were no further nominations.

Motion to nominate L. Brodeur as Chairperson carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Motion was made by L. Brodeur to nominate C. Langevin as Vice Chairperson for 2023.

Second by S. Brodeur.

Motion was made by L. Brodeur to close nominations.

Second by S. Brodeur.

There were no further nominations.

Motion to nominate C. Langevin as Vice Chairperson carried unanimously (4-0-0).

- c. Discuss any new ideas for what to do in 2023.

Ms. Rosinski suggested doing a bee program. It was decided to try to put together a program with Logee's in the spring, to also involve the public. Mr. Brodeur suggested finding out whether it would be possible to expand the program by also touring Logee's.

There was discussion regarding the Celebrating Agriculture Event at the Fairgrounds (September 23, 2023). The Commission will try to set up a booth and show the video(s). Ms. Ennis may be able to provide a calf or a cow for the day (someone would need to stay with it).

There was discussion regarding which farm(s) will be videoed next.

Mr. Langevin will be planting in mid-to-late March. Ms. Ennis will provide Mr. LeBlanc's phone number so they can coordinate.

There was discussion regarding whether you need to get the permission of people who appear in the video, that were present during filming. Ms. Rosinski suggested a disclosure for the responsible party to sign. Mr. Langevin will consult an attorney.

There was discussion regarding Walktober. October is a very busy month for Mr. Langevin.

Ms. Brodeur commented that it would be good to get video of the farms during all of the seasons to post on the website to show what is available.

Mr. Brodeur suggested budgeting for a kiosk to use at the different events. Ms. Brodeur will research prices.

Ms. Brodeur suggested keeping an eye on what the Conservation Commission is doing to see if there is something that the two Commissions could work on together.

VIII. Public Participation – None.

IX. Adjourn (Next Meeting – Tentative February 28, 2023).

Motion was made by S. Brodeur adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

Second by C. Langevin. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary