

Farmland Preservation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2015
10:00 am
Department of Agriculture
Room G8A
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Zeoli (chairman), Ben Freund, Lucy Nolan, Joe Bonelli, George Malia, Joan Nichols(left at 11:19am), Terry Jones, Henry Talmage, John Guskowski, Robin Chesmer (arrived at 10:33am)

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Hindinger, Jim Krissel

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky, Chief of Staff George E. Krivda, Jr. (DoAg), Bureau Director Linda Piotrowicz (DoAg), Jason Bowsza (DoAg), Cam Weimar (DoAg)

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am in Room G8a
2. Review of Minutes
 - a. It was moved by Freund, seconded by Bonelli, to accept the minutes as presented.
Motion carried **unanimously**.
3. Old Business
 - a. Commissioner's Updates
 - i. Commissioner Reviczky offered updates pertaining to the agency and state government
 - b. Farmland Preservation Update
 - i. Commissioner Reviczky touched on highlights associated with the Farmland Preservation Program over the last several months. He noted the preservation of a portion of Mountain Dairy as a considerable accomplishment.
 - c. State Owned Farmland Updated
 - i. Commissioner Reviczky announced that the agreement with M&K Dairy at Savin Farm has just been renewed. The Savin Lake Dam has also been repaired by DOT recently. He also noted the potential use of some land at Savin Farm for composting of depopulated poultry in the event of an Avian Influenza incident. Commissioner Reviczky reported that the applications for use of Southbury Training School Farm have been reviewed in detail. Application details will remain confidential until final decisions have been made.
 - d. FPAB subcommittee update report
 - i. Mr. Guskowski reviewed the draft of the "Best Practices" subcommittee report. Much discussion ensued.
 - ii. No action was taken to accept the draft report from the subcommittee.
4. New Business
 - a. Approval of 2016 meeting dates
 - i. Motion by Guskowski, seconded by Talmage, to approve the meeting dates as presented. Motion carried **unanimously**.

1. 2016 FPAB meetings will be held at the State Office Building on the following dates at 10am:
 - a. March 3
 - b. June 2
 - c. September 1
 - d. December 1

5. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting was duly adjourned at 12:24pm