



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## Governor's Council for Agricultural Development



### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 1, 2014

Connecticut Farm Bureau Association

775 Bloomfield Avenue

Windsor, CT 06095

#### I. CONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Reviczky, chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. Other council members in attendance were George Hindinger, Herb Holden, Jr., Jamie Jones (by phone), Shelly Oechsler, Peter Orr (by phone), Kevin Sullivan, Jr., Henry Talmage, and Dr. Gregory Weidemann. Staff from the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association and Connecticut Department of Agriculture also were present.

Council members Allyn Brown, III, James Guida, Jason Hoagland, and Michael Keilty were absent.

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The council reviewed draft minutes from April 1 and June 17, 2014. George Hindinger moved to approve the April 1 minutes. Henry Talmage seconded and the council accepted the motion unanimously. George Hindinger moved to approve the June 17 minutes. Shelly Oechsler seconded and the council accepted the motion unanimously.

#### III. REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Commissioner Reviczky thanked council members for their ongoing dedication and continued hard work. He provided updates on four projects related to the council's strategic planning project:

- Hartford Regional Market Master Plan
- Assessment of Connecticut Grown Specialty Crop Processing Needs and Capacity for Connecticut Institutions
- Design and Launch of a Shared-Use Kitchen/Food Processing Center at the Hartford Regional Market
- Survey of Connecticut Producer Education and Training Needs

#### IV. FINALIZATION OF 2014 RECOMMENDATIONS

The council reviewed the revised draft of its 2014 recommendations. Dean Weidemann moved to accept the recommendations. Shelly Oechsler seconded the motion. Following discussion the council accepted the motion and agreed that recommendations should be modified as discussed and incorporated into the 2014 Grow Connecticut Farms update.

#### V. GROW CONNECTICUT FARMS NEXT STEPS

Chairman Reviczky reviewed the timeline for completion and issue of the 2014 Grow Connecticut Farms update. Members began a preliminary discussion of priorities for 2015 and suggested reviewing progress made on its recommendations to date and needs to revisit/refocus as appropriate.

The council asked Dean Weidemann, who agreed, to have his staff update the estimate of consumer spending on Connecticut Grown food and farm products and again provide graphic design for the council's Grown Connecticut Farms year-end update.

#### VI. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2014.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Chairman Reviczky adjourned meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Piotrowicz  
July 1, 2014