



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Governor's Council for Agricultural Development



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 6, 2015

Connecticut Department of Agriculture
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

I. CONVENE MEETING

Chairman Reviczky called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Also in attendance were council members George Hindinger, Herb Holden, Jr., Shelly Oechsler, and Henry Talmage. Participating by phone were council members Jamie Jones, Michael Keilty, Kevin Sullivan, and Gregory Weidemann

Staff from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture also were present.

Council members Allyn Brown, III, James Guida, Jason Hoagland, were absent

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The council reviewed draft minutes from July 14, 2015. George Hindinger moved to approve them. Shelly Oechsler seconded. There was no discussion and the council accepted the motion unanimously.

III. REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Commissioner Reviczky announced the resignation of council member Peter Orr, who stepped down due to time constraints resulting from business responsibilities. He then provided an update on the agency budget, avian influenza response planning, statutory changes to Connecticut Grown labeling requirements, recent Connecticut Grown marketing initiatives, farmland preservation accomplishments, and the Regional Market.

IV. GROW CONNECTICUT FARMS NEXT STEPS

The council engaged in an in-depth conversation of the status of its membership, available resources, and recommendations to date, along with options for a year-end update. Members discussed the idea of reconvening the four 2014 working groups in 2016.

V. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING(S)

The council discussed proposed dates for its 2016 quarterly meeting schedule. Henry Talmage moved to approve the schedule as proposed. George Hindinger seconded and the motion carried unanimously with the follow scheduled approved:

- Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Piotrowicz
October 6, 2015