

Connecticut Food Policy Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 14, 2013

Members Present: John Frassinelli, (SDE), Linda Drake (UCONN COOP Ext.), Marcia Maillard (DPH), Lucy Nolan (EHC!), Rick Macsuga (DOAG), Bill Seedman (DSS), Michael Keilty (Maple Spring Farm)
Guests Present: Jean King (consultant), Teri Dandeneau (SDE), Ellen Sloan (DCP), Martha Page, (Hartford Food System), Helana Hoover-Litty (CT Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics), Peggy Zamore, Danbury

Chairman John Frassinelli called the meeting to order at 1:10p.m.

Minutes: The Minutes of the October 10, 2013 meeting were approved with the addition of Martha Page as a participant.

Additions to the agenda:

Announcements from Agencies:

Michael Keilty discussed the work of the Gov's Council on Agricultural Development. The second year recommendations will be reported out early in 2014. He suggested that CFPC review these recommendations to see if there are areas where we could contribute to the work.

Rick Macsuga asked that members and others complete the on-line survey on the DOAG website concerning the Hartford Regional Market. He also reported that there was an article in the Ag Marketing Bulletin for the week of Nov. 14 about the CFPC.

Ellen Sloan noted that the correct phrase for "food safety" now being used when discussing keeping food safe from tampering is "food defense"

Agenda Items:

October 17 CFPC Forum with Local Councils

Strengthening Connecticut's Food System with Local Food Policy Groups – The group discussed the outcomes from the day which were seen as positive by all. Some immediate outcomes:

- Jean King has created a master list of those present and will share those emails with all now that she has contacted everyone to be certain they wished to be on the public list.
- Jean had noted in an email to all participants that the CFPC meetings are open to the public and are noticed on the DOAG website.
- John Frassinelli and Lucy Nolan are working with Megan Goldenberg to facilitate the follow-up meetings with representatives from each of the groups at the forum. Members agreed that it is important to talk about communications strategies with that group going forward
- It was suggested that we consider regular CFPC meetings at different locations around the state.
- Jean King suggested that we collect from local groups brief summaries of the work they are doing to include in the annual CFPC report.

A motion was made and approved as follows: John Frassinelli, Lucy Nolan, and Jean King (as representatives of CFPC) will meet in a facilitated discussion with representatives from local food policy groups

Strategic Planning

The Council discussed action items for 2013-2014 including:

- Circulating the Food Security Report to members of the legislature and to local elected town and city leaders.
- Consider alternatives for membership on the CFPC

Note: for the December meeting members agreed to research memberships on other state food policy groups throughout the country to discuss. Materials can be sent to Jean in advance.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2013 AT LOB ROOM 2600