

Connecticut Food Policy Council Minutes

December 13, 2018

Members in attendance: Steve Anderson (DoAg), Don Cassella (DAS), Bill Seedman (DSS), Monica Pacheco (SDE), Marcia Pessalano (DPH)

Guests in attendance: Jason Bowsza (DoAg), Martha Page (Hartford Food System), Meg Hourigan (CT Food System Alliance), Shannon Yearwood (EHC), Lucy Potter (Hartford Legal Aid), Jenna Nicol (DCP), Peggy Zamore (by phone), Chelsea Gazillo (WLA)

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:10 pm by Steve Anderson.

Welcome and Introductions: Steve Anderson welcomed the members and guests. Introductions were made.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Postponed until the next meeting (no quorum).

Additions to the agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

Administration

Agency appointments are now completed, legislative appointments still are a work in progress. Jason Bowsza (DoAg) discussed DoAg's general legislative agenda, the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development and the Community Investment Act.

CT Food System Alliance Discussion

Meg Hourigan discussed the CT Food System Alliance efforts to develop a Food Action Plan.

Member/Guest/Local FPC Updates

Hartford – discussed annual report, planning for 2019 Food Security Awards.

Bridgeport - working on an Urban Ag Master Plan, currently waiting on community feedback.

New Haven – has a working group on breastfeeding resources.

End Hunger CT – discussed strategic SNAP outreach, community eligibility program, Medicaid pilot.

DSS – discussed farm bill. Final bill increased nutrition title from \$90 million to \$130 million, discussed a homeless deduction which will lead to a possible net increase in SNAP. DSS still looking at final requirements of the bill.

SDE – planning a Farm to School event in collaboration with DoAg.

DCP – DCP discussed development of a rapid response team for food emergencies.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 pm.

NEXT STEPS: Next meeting, January 10, 2019