

## **Connecticut Food Policy Council Minutes**

March 14, 2019

Members in attendance: Steve Anderson (DoAg), Don Cassella (DAS), Michael Keilty (Maple Spring Farm), Flavia Periera (DOT – by phone)

Guests in attendance: Helana Hoover-Litty (CT Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics), Chelsea Gazillo (WLA), Jack Donovan (UMASS student), Martha Page (Hartford Food System – by phone)

**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. There was a lengthy discussion on several bills affecting the FPC and agriculture. These included HB 6647, SB 252, HB 6539, SB 1063, HB 5254, and SB 784. The status of these bills was discussed. The bills that potentially have direct impact on the FPC include SB 252 and potentially HB 6647, concerning “strengthening FPC” and creating a program for “regenerative agriculture”, respectively.

### **Member/Guest/Local FPC Updates**

There were no local FPC updates.

Martha Page (HFS) reported that the Hartford Community Food Security Awards will be presented on April 10<sup>th</sup>, at The Lyceum, 227 Lawrence St., Hartford at 6:00 pm. Details are available on the Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy’s Facebook page.

DOT – Flavia reported that she had sent a powerpoint presentation regarding bike/walking routes (discussed at last meeting) and that she will look into route information to Hartford Regional Market.

DAS – Don reported that DAS has a new Commissioner, Josh Geballe, and that everyone looks forward to working with him.

WLA – In addition to tracking bills at the legislature (including those mentioned above) Chelsea reported that Governor Lamont attended the recent WLA meeting, and that WLA has brought together a group of Connecticut agricultural leaders to discuss AFT’s Women for the Land initiative – WLA plans to host an event around this in the spring.

DoAg – Steve reported that work on appointments to FPC will continue once the bills affecting FPC are finalized. Steve also reported that Ag Day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at the State Capitol.

The next meeting will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>, location TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 pm.