1) CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Zioli called the meeting to order at 10:12am
2) REVIEW OF December 3, 2015 Minutes
   a. Guszkowski moved, seconded by Nolan, to accept the minutes of the December 3
      meeting with corrections. UNANIMOUS
3) OLD BUSINESS
   a. Commissioner’s updates
      i. Commissioner Reviczky reviewed that state budget situation and its impact on
      the department as a whole. He also outlined the considerable efforts of DoAg
      relative to the Produce Safety Rule under the Food Safety Modernization Act.
   b. Farmland Preservation Update
      i. Commissioner Reviczky gave an update on active projects in the farmland
      preservation unit. Mr. Malia discussed issues and disincentives associated with
      PDR projects that partner with NRCS, due to over regulation on the part of the
      federal government.
   c. State Owned Farmland Update
      i. Commissioner Reviczky updated board members on the use agreements in
      place at Southbury Training School. He announced that there is now an
      executed MOA transferring care, custody and control of 900 acres at Southbury
      Training School from the Department of Developmental Services to the
      Department of Agriculture.
4) NEW BUSINESS
   a. Discussion of potential field site visit
      i. Chairman Zioli would like to consider doing a future meeting in the field. The
      board discussed holding the September meeting at or around Freund’s Farm.
   b. John Guszkowski report
      i. Mr. Guszkowski noted that in the year since he started his report, there has
      been considerable improvement within DoAg’s program. He distributed a draft
resolution recommitting the Farmland Preservation Advisory Board to advise the commissioner of potential efficiencies. Mr. Freund moves to accept the draft resolution, seconded by Ms. Nolan. Mr. Freund, seconded by Ms. Nolan, moved to postpone the acceptance of the resolution until the September meeting. Motion to postpone passes unanimously.

c. Ms. Nolan reported on USDA efforts to promote Farm to School activities pertaining to summer meals programs.

d. Chairman Zioli asked about tenant status at the Hartford Regional Market.

5) ADJOURNMENT
a. Chairman Zioli adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

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