



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



CT Farm Wine Development Council
165 Capitol Ave, Room G-8A
Hartford, CT 06106

Minutes of the Special Meeting
June 27, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Steven Reviczky, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg). Participating by phone: Linda Auger, Taylor Brooke Winery; Hilary Criollo, Hopkins Vineyard; Jonathan Edwards, Jonathan Edwards Winery; Jim Frey, Walker Road Vineyard; Jamie Jones, Jones Family Farm & Winery; Michelle Niedermeyer, Lost Acres Vineyard Gregory Weidemann, Dean, UConn College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Sciences.

Council Members Absent: Cameron Faustman, Associate Director, Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station; Dr. Frank Ferrandino, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station; Russell Holmberg, Holmberg Orchards; George Motel, Sunset Meadow Vineyard; Catherine Smith, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development.

Other Attendees: Linda Piotrowicz, Rebecca Murphy, and Jane Slupecki, DoAg.

Call to Order:

Commissioner Reviczky called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Big E Schedule:

Commissioner Reviczky asked Rebecca Murphy to provide overview of the efforts to fill the schedule for the Big E Wine booth in the Connecticut Building, presenting one draft schedule. A discussion ensued. A motion was made by Linda Auger to adopt the presented draft schedule give DoAg the authority to fill in vacancies in or adjust the schedule as necessary. The motion was seconded by Jim Frey, and carried unanimously. Jonathan Edwards will call several strong leads, like Gouveia, Sharpe Hill and White Silo, and DoAg will speak to Land of Nod. DoAg needs all materials no later than July 1, to prepare for Massachusetts Department of Agriculture and Resources and the West Springfield Liquor Commission.

Community Investment Act Update:

Commissioner Reviczky briefed the Council on the reduction of Connecticut Department of Agriculture funding from the Community Investment Act (CIA) and the process to apportion that loss to all the CIA-supported funds in the agency. The Council funds have been reduced by \$12,500. A discussion continued about how the Council must continue evaluate the effectiveness of programs, to plan for self-sufficiency, to adjust in reduction in support, and how to link participation in most popular programs to other programs that need the industry's support.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Council is July 14, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane M. Slupecki
June 28, 2016