



State of Connecticut  
Department of Agriculture  
Milk Regulation Board

26 Oct 2018

Minutes of the Milk Regulation Board  
Regular Meeting 24 Oct 2018

Call to order 9:24 am

Members Present:

Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner  
Gregory Peracchio      Michael Young  
Jim Stearns              Neil Marcus  
Tracey Weeks, DPH

Absent:              Mae Schmidle              Lucy Nolan

Introductions were conducted

No correspondence was received

The minutes of the Oct. 26, 2017 meeting were discussed. Motion to approve was made by Gregory Peracchio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neil Marcus. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Current department legislative proposals were discussed.

A discussion was held concerning the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) asking for public comment on the definition of milk. The dairy industry has asked the FDA to enforce the definition of milk and labeling rules as the word milk is used on plant based non-milk foods like almond milk and soy milk which are nutritionally inferior to milk. The industry is concerned that consumers may be confused by using the term milk on these non-milk foods and think they provide the same level of nutrition as real milk.

The commissioner discussed a draft letter from the Northeastern state Ag. Commissioner's to the Secretary Purdue concerning the continued low farmgate milk prices.

Presented an early draft of language to modernize current dairy regulations to be compliant with FSMA.

No old business

No new business

No public comments

Motion made to adjourn by Neil Marcus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Stearns. Approved. Meeting adjourned 10:20 am.

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