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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 13, 2012

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I. CONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Reviczky, council chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Other council members present were George Hindinger, Jason Hoagland, Jamie Jones, Michael Keilty, Peter Orr, Kevin Sullivan, Jr., Henry Talmage, and Dr. Greg Weidemann. Participating by phone were council members Winter Caplanson, Herb Holden, Jr., and Shelly Oechsler.

Council members Allyn Brown, III, James Guida, and Greg Veneziano were absent.

Also present were staff members from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and UConn and several guests.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The council reviewed draft minutes from November 13, 2012. Michael Keilty moved to approve the minutes. Peter Orr seconded. The council unanimously accepted the motion.

III. REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Commissioner Reviczky welcomed the guests and gave a brief recap of an event held December 11, 2012, with Governor Malloy, Chef Jacques Pepin, and culinary students at Emmett O'Brien Technical High School. Food they prepared from ingredients provided by four Connecticut farms was taken to a shelter to feed those in need. He explained that this event intersected many topic areas the council is addressing, including farm-to-institution pathways, state contracting, consumer education and training, and food security.

IV. GROW CONNECTICUT FARMS PLAN UPDATE/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Commissioner Reviczky reviewed the planning process to date and the steps taken to arrive at the first draft of the plan's first annual report.

Dean Weidemann explained that his communications staff would contribute their time to the layout of the document once the draft was finalized.

The council discussed the first draft and various suggestions for revisions, including the addition of a forward, executive summary, and some minor changes to text.

Commissioner Reviczky's staff will produce a second draft for council review, based on the discussion. There was consensus that review should be done electronically in an effort to expedite the report's publication for presentation to Governor Malloy in January.

V. NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next quarterly meeting will be held February 19, 2013, at a location to be determined. A special meeting will be set in January to present the annual report to Governor Malloy. Date and time will be based upon his availability.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Chairman Reviczky adjourned meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Piotrowicz
December 13, 2012