



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Governor's Council for Agricultural Development



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 3, 2017

Connecticut Department of Agriculture
450 Columbus Blvd.
Hartford, CT 06106

I. CONVENE MEETING

Chairman Reviczky called the meeting to order at approximately 1:13 p.m. Also in attendance were council members Henry Talmage, Jason Hoagland, Cameron Faustman, James Guida and Herb Holden, Jr. Members Jamie Jones and Michael Keilty joined the meeting by telephone.

Council members Allyn Brown, III, Shelly Oechsler, Kevin Sullivan and George Hindinger and were absent.

Staff from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture also were present.

II. REMARKS FROM CHAIR

With the lack of a state budget being enacted at the time of the meeting, Chairman Reviczky gave an update on associated impacts on the Dept. of Agriculture (DoAG) and the Council's recommendations.

III. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: INITIATIVES/ISSUES

Chairman Reviczky led a discussion on a range of agricultural issues, including:

- DoAG's role as the lead agency for implementation and regulation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), and in particular FSMA's Produce Safety Rule, and DoAG's associated partnership with the federal Food & Drug Administration and UConn Extension.
- The results of a recent UConn study that detailed the continuing positive impact that agriculture has on the state's economy.
- The rapid growth of the farm-wine industry in the Connecticut, including the role of DoAG's Passport to Connecticut Farm Wineries promotional program.
- Emerging farm-energy advances and policy challenges.
- The growth of Connecticut's hops industry and the impact of a new farm-brewery law.

IV: COUNCIL ACTION:

After a motion by member Hoagland, council members voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its July 11, 2017 meeting.



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V. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at approximately 3 p.m.

VI NEXT COUNCIL MEETING(S)

The council is next scheduled to meet on January 9, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Jensen, DoAg Public Information Officer,
October 11, 2017

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