



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Governor's Council for Agricultural Development



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MAY 21, 2013

Hartford Regional Market

101 Reserve Road

Hartford, CT 06114

I. CONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Reviczky, council chair, called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

Other council members present were Allyn Brown, III, James Guida, Jason Hoagland, Jamie Jones, Michael Keilty, Shelly Oechsler, Peter Orr, Kevin Sullivan, Jr., Henry Talmage, and Dr. Gregory Weidemann. Staff members from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture also were present.

Council members Winter Caplanson, George Hindinger, and Herb Holden, Jr., were absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The council reviewed draft minutes from April 9, 2013. Peter Orr moved to approve them. Shelly Oechsler seconded. The council accepted the motion with all in favor except Kevin Sullivan, who was opposed, and Michael Keilty, who abstained.

III. REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Commissioner Reviczky reported on the following items related to the council's recommendations and activities: New radio spots airing on local stations that encourage consumers to purchase Connecticut Grown products; roof work, master planning, and a Farm-to-Chef tour at the Hartford Regional Market; the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's grant project to assess institutional demand, producer capacity, and infrastructure required for aggregation, processing, and distribution of Connecticut Grown products; relevant state and federal legislation passed and/or under discussion in the current sessions of the Connecticut General Assembly and U.S. Congress; and a recent meeting hosted by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture with FDA and other departments of agriculture from the Northeast on the Food Safety Modernization Act.

Chairman Reviczky excused himself at 1:47 p.m. to attend a mandatory meeting at the direction of Governor Malloy. He appointed Vice Chairman Henry Talmage as acting chair for the remainder of the meeting.

IV. UPDATE ON WORKING GROUPS

Commissioner Reviczky's staff Linda Piotrowicz provided an update on the status of the council's 12 working groups, including timelines and assignments for 2013, members invited to serve, administrative staff, and policies and procedures. A discussion ensued. Each working group chair in attendance met with the administrative staff person assigned to his or her group to discuss best modes of communication, scheduling, and other logistics for the group.

V. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS

All 12 working groups of the council will meet in June (dates and locations to be determined). The next regular quarterly meeting will be held on August 20, 2013 (location to be announced).

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Vice Chairman Talmage adjourned meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Piotrowicz
May 22, 2013