

State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture Milk Regulation Board

24 Jan 13

Minutes
23 Jan 13 Regular Meeting

Agenda item 1: Meeting called to order 10:05

Present:

Gregory Peracchio

Michael Young

Peter Orr

Mae Schmidle

James Stearns Jack Tiffany

Lucy Nolan

Christine Applewhite, DPH

Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner

Others: Wayne Kasacek, CT DoAg

Dr. Bruce Sherman, CT DoAg

Agenda item 2: Introductions

Agenda item 3: No correspondence

Agenda item 4: Minutes of the 10 Oct 2012. Greg Peracchio motion to approve, Jack Tiffany 2nd. No discussion. Minutes approved unanimously.

Agenda item 5: Commissioner Reviczky discussed the Dec. 2012 deficit mitigation package. It is unclear at this time what effect the 2 million dollar sweep of the Community Investment Account will have on Dairy Sustainability payments.

MILC extended by congress to Sept 2013 and retroactive to Sept. 2012.

The Commissioner discussed changes in the House Agriculture committee.

Wayne Kasacek discussed recent FDA HACCP training he attended.

Dr. Bruce Sherman discussed USDA changes to disease surveillance programs. USDA pushing T.B. and brucellosis programs to the states. Expect that the USDA will set standards the states will have to meet. The department will begin 1issuing official animal I.D. to producers to be in compliance with Animal Disease Traceability rules.

The Commissioner discussed pending state GMO legislation.

Agenda item 6: No old business

Agenda item 7: No new business

Agenda item 8: No public comment

Agenda item 9: Mae Schmidle motion to adjourn, Michael Young 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 11:24

Respectfully submitted

Wayne Kasaçek Clerk of the Board Approved 3 Apr 13