

Connecticut Food Policy Council (CFPC)
Minutes – April 13, 2017

Members in attendance: Lucy Nolan, Marcia Pessolano, Don Casella, Wayne Pesce, Bill Seedman
Guests in attendance: John Bovay, Bruce Sherman, Mark Zotti, Mike Demicco

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Vice Chair Lucy Nolan.

Welcome and Introductions: Lucy Nolan acting as Chair welcomed the members and guests. Introductions were made.

Approval of Meeting Minutes
Postponed until the next meeting.

Additions to the agenda
There were no additions to the agenda.

Administration
-No new updates

Presentation: The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) substantially expands the authority of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to regulate fresh produce marketed in the United States. The FSMA Produce Safety Rule mandates a series of on-farm food-safety practices, and compliance will be required for large farms beginning in January 2018. The provisions of FSMA will be costly to implement: FDA anticipates annual costs to producers of approximately \$2 billion. In this presentation, Dr. Bovay will give an overview of FSMA and the requirements of the Produce Safety Rule and then discuss expected implications of FSMA for international trade, small and large farms in New England, and prices paid by consumers.

Agency/Member/Guest Updates
• No updates – time was limited.

Next meeting will be on May 11 at 1:00 pm in the Old Judiciary at the Capitol.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm Motion made to adjourn by Lucy Nolan seconded by Marcia Pessolano