



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
CONNECTICUT MARKETING AUTHORITY**



Steven K. Reviczky
Chairman

Linda Piotrowicz
Executive Director

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 14, 2018
Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky, chairman, Bruce Benedict, Michael Freimuth. By phone: Alexis Gazy, Paul Hinsch, Frank Musto (joined at 9:21 a.m.), Jennifer Parmelee, Joseph Ruffini.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Randall Fiveash, David Morse.

ALSO PRESENT: Staff from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg)/Connecticut Marketing Authority (CMA) and guests.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Reviczky called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and welcomed new members Michael Freimuth and Paul Hinsch, who were recently appointed by Governor Malloy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A discussion of the July 11, 2018, minutes occurred. Joseph Ruffini moved to accept the minutes. Jennifer Parmelee seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

TEMPORARY USE AGREEMENTS: Chairman Reviczky explained that the DoAg had met with the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) on matters related to the conveyance of the Regional Market. Among matters discussed were the terms voted upon at CMA's last meeting for temporary use of currently vacant warehouse stalls. He also referenced the July 25, 2018, memo issued to members by Staff Attorney Carole Briggs regarding Conflicts of Interest for Members of the Connecticut Marketing Authority. Michael Freimuth then reported on an analysis CRDA had done of the temporary use agreement terms approved by CMA and explained CMA would earn additional revenue by executing more agreements for currently vacant warehouse space at market rates than at the rate voted upon by CMA. A discussion ensued. Michael Freimuth made a motion to offer temporary use agreement to Capitol Sausage, Gigafarm, Musto Wine Grape, and Freshpoint at \$6 per square foot. Paul Hinsch seconded and the motion carried unanimously, with Frank Musto and Jennifer Parmelee recusing themselves. Michael Freimuth provided an update on recent Bond Commission approval to redirect \$750,000 in CRDA funding to the Regional Market for a redevelopment study, immediate maintenance needs, and reserve for emergency repairs.

NEXT MEETING(S): The final regular meeting of 2018 is scheduled for October 10. Special meetings will be scheduled as needed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Linda Piotrowicz
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