

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CONNECTICUT MARKETING AUTHORITY



Linda Piotrowicz Executive Director

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 31, 2018 CMA Offices, Building A, 101 Reserve Road, Hartford, CT 06114

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky, chairman, Bruce Benedict, Alexis Gazy, David Morse, Frank Musto (by phone), Jennifer Parmelee, Joseph Ruffini.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Randall Fiveash

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 10:06 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Morse moved to accept the April 11, 2018, minutes as drafted. Jennifer Parmelee seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Reviczky reported that Senate Bill 502 (Public Act 18-154), which was passed on the last day of the General Assembly's recent session, contained language in a strike-all amendment filed hours before session ended directing conveyance of the Regional Market to the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) and directing DoAg and CRDA to enter into an agreement governing the continued operation of the market. He also reported that he had received direction from the Office of Policy and Management to refrain from executing any new lease or license agreements at the market. A discussion ensued during which numerous questions were raised and concerns voiced regarding existing tenants' occupancy and the future of their businesses. Commissioner Reviczky explained he did not have answers to the questions at this point.

NEXT MEETING(S): Regular meetings for 2018 are scheduled for July 11 and October 10. Special meetings may be scheduled if needed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, David Morse moved to adjourn. Bruce Benedict seconded, and the motion carried unanimously without discussion. The meeting ended at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Linda Piotrowicz May 31, 2018