



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Governor's Council for Agricultural Development



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2015

Connecticut Department of Agriculture

165 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT 06106

I. CONVENE MEETING

Linda Piotrowicz from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m. for Commissioner Reviczky, chairman. Also in attendance were council members Allyn Brown, III, James Guida, George Hindinger, Jason Hoagland, Jamie Jones, Michael Keilty (by phone), Shelly Oechsler, Peter Orr (by phone), Kevin Sullivan, Henry Talmage, and Gregory Weidemann.

Harold Mackin from the State Department of Education, Ben Campbell from UConn Extension, and staff from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture also were present.

Council member Herb Holden, Jr., was absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The council reviewed draft minutes from October 7, 2014. Shelly Oechsler moved to approve them. James Guida seconded. There was no discussion and the council accepted the motion unanimously.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Harold Mackin from the State Department of Education provided an update on graduates of high-school Agriscience and Technology Education programs.

Ben Campbell from UConn Extension followed with a presentation on his research in local labeling in the horticultural sector.

IV. REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Commissioner Reviczky provided agency updates on recent staffing changes and on a diversity of projects, programs, and services related to the council's recommendations to date.

V. GROW CONNECTICUT FARMS NEXT STEPS

The council discussed next steps in the refinement of its Grow Connecticut Farms strategic plan for agriculture and concurred that it will focus work in 2015 on assessing progress on its recommendations to date and its goal to increase consumer spending on Connecticut Grown farm products.

VI. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING(S)

The council's next quarterly meetings will be held on April 7, July 7, and October 6, 2015.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Chairman Reviczky adjourned meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Piotrowicz
February 10, 2015