



State of Connecticut
Department of Agriculture
Milk Regulation Board

April 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:10 am

Milk Regulation Board members present: Gregory Peracchio, Michael Young, Neil Marcus, Peter Orr, Jack Tiffany, Lucy Nolan, Christine Applewhite DPH, Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky. Absent: Mae Schmidle, James Stearns

Agenda Item 3: no correspondence

Agenda item 4: Motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2014 by Michael Young, 2nd Neil Marcus. There was no discussion, minutes approved unanimously.

Agenda item 5 reports: Governor's budget recommendations divert all of the Community Investment Account (CIA) monies to the general fund beginning January 1, 2016. A discussion was held concerning the possible impacts this would have on programs that are funded by the CIA.

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service is taking comments on Federal Milk Marketing Order m(FMMO) system for the purpose of determining whether the FMMO should continue without change, be modified or rescinded. Commissioner Reviczky stated he expects to submit comments on behalf of the Department.

Board member Lucy Nolan reported that a legislative proposal that imposes a tax on sugary drinks will not affect milk products.

A discussion was held concerning Senate Bill 360 which authorizes retail raw milk "herd shares" and treats them the same as raw milk produced for one's own consumption.

Commissioner Reviczky reported that a Northeast Transportation Coalition had been formed on federal truck weight reform.

Agenda item 6: no old business

Agenda item 7: A discussion was held concerning Milk Regulation Board appointments. Board members serve contemporaneously with the Governor.

Agenda item 8: no public comment

Motion to adjourn made by Neil Marcus, 2nd by Michael Young. Meeting adjourned at 10:24

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Kasacek
Clerk of the Board