



State of Connecticut
Department of Agriculture
Milk Regulation Board

8 May 2017

May 5, 2017
Regular Meeting

Present:

Wayne Kasacek, for Commissioner Reviczky
Gregory Peracchio
Peter Orr
Jim Stearns

Lucy Nolan
Jack Tiffany
Michael Young

Absent: Mae Schmidle Neil Marcus

Meeting called to order at 09:30 am

Introductions were conducted

No correspondence was received

Minutes from October 19, 2016 meeting were presented to the members. Jack Tiffany motioned to approve, 2nd Jim Stearns, there was no discussion The October 19, 2016 minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussed department submitted legislative concepts, no dairy related initiatives were submitted. Discussed a department proposal re: Commission Sales Stables and the departments need to improve record keeping and animal identification.

Discussed proposal in legislature re: anaerobic digesters located on farms. Peter Orr commented on the work Commissioner Reviczky and DEEP Commissioner have done to ensure the proposal will work for dairy farmers.

Discussed and distributed preliminary draft of changes to Department Regulations to align regulations concerning manufacturing operators with the Food Safety Modernization Act.

Discussed upcoming NCIMS conference. The FDA submitted a problem for the states to consider which would require a FSMA inspection of dairy processors every 3 months. A competing proposal was submitted by the NCIMS liaison committee which would put the FSMA inspection frequency at the same interval FDA has for all hazardous foods, every 3 years. The northeast contingent of dairy regulators, industry and representatives from FDA met 27 Apr 17 to discuss the NCIMS proposals. No northeast state expressed any support for FDA's proposal.

No old business

No new business

Public comment

Lucy Nolan and Paul Miller discussed what changes to school lunch program would mean. Secretary of Agriculture signed a "proclamation" that the USDA will provide greater flexibility in nutrition requirements for school meal programs.

Lucy Nolan motioned to adjourn, 2nd Jack Tiffany. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 am

Approved 26 Oct 17

—Claire Kaswick
Clerk of the Board