



**Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council
PASSPORT SUBCOMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes for April 29, 2015**

Subcommittee Members Present: Hillary Criollo, Hopkins Vineyard; Jim Frey, Walker Road Vineyard; Michelle Niedermeyer, Lost Acres Vineyard; Cara Sawyer, Preston Ridge Vineyard; Jane Slupecki, Connecticut Department of Agriculture. Absent: Blaze Faillaci, Dalice Elizabeth Winery.

Call to Order

Jane Slupecki called the conference call meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Approval of April 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes Approval

Michelle Niedermeyer made a motion to accept the April 8, 2015 minutes as submitted. Cara Sawyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

2015 Passport Work

Jane Slupecki updated group on the costs of the 2015 Passports. The group discussed the distribution expenses for distribution of the Passport, agreed to request meeting with the Chairman/Commissioner to discuss the Council budget, as it relates to the Passport. A motion was made by Michelle Niedermeyer that it is to be understood that no additional Council monies are to be spent without an agreement in place with the administration of the agency. Seconded by Jim Frey. The motion carried unanimously. A conversation was again held on how to plan and proceed with future years of the Passport, with or without funding, pending changes to the Community Investment Act funding for the Council. The 2015 Passport season's Facebook page was discussed.

Passport "App"

Blaze Faillaci will be asked to supply an update. Jane Slupecki is pursuing free options or very affordable first phase of the Passport application.

Other Business

Slupecki reported the ticket money to award 2014 prizes has been encumbered. The subcommittee wants the 2016 and possibly 2017 passport printing encumbered as quickly as possible, with the lowest pricing possible. Michelle Niedermeyer created a budget for the publication of the Passport, without CIA dollars and with CIA dollars.

Meeting Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane M. Slupecki
May 4, 2015