

**CT Milk Promotional Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**February 5, 2009**

Attendees: F. Philip Prelli, Robert Pellegrino, Paul Miller, Peter Orr, Jim Stearns, Lucy Nolan, and guest Steve Reviczky, and Yanira Segarra.

Meeting was called to order at 10:10am.

First order of business was the election of officers: The nomination of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. Jim Stearns was nominated for Chairman. All were in favor and no one opposed. Paul Miller was nominated for Vice-Chairman. All were in favor and no one opposed. Lucy Nolan was nominated for Secretary. All were in favor and no one opposed.

The board reviewed the Legislative Mandate: Commissioner Philip Prelli started by reading a section from Public Act No. 08-164. He said that the board needed one more member to be appointed. Commissioner Prelli made the following two suggestions:

1. Have the Legislative move money into the milk board.
2. Petition all farmers in Connecticut to move money to the promotional board.

Commissioner Prelli said that the Massachusetts Legislators move money directly to this board. He then said if we move 10 cents into this board it would be around \$375,000 (that is a round number) of all the milk produced. He said you have to look at how that is collected and who will pay that money. That is why bylaws are important said Commissioner Prelli. We have to promote generic milk and keep it in Connecticut. A suggestion was through advertising.

Discussion of Funds Availability: No funds available at this time.

Commissioner Prelli suggested that the board should contact the Fellow Dairy Producers about sending money to the board instead of The Northeast Dairy Promotional Board. All board members agreed.

Commissioner Prelli wants to move forward on the legislation. All board members agreed that it will be easier through the legislative. A motion was passed by Jim to move forward for a legislative change which was second by Paul. All were in favor and no one opposed.

Bob suggested that the board obtain a list of Dairy Farmers from the Farm Bureau and from Agrimarc which represents more than 50% of milk in the state. Steve R. says, yes, build consensus and that he will get the dairy list. Bob is going to get the bylaws and legislatures for MA, Maine, VT, and NY.

Meeting dates were discussed. Commissioner Prelli said that the meeting dates can be changed if there were any conflicts. Jim passed a motion Paul second the motion. All were in favor and no one opposed.

A suggestion was made by Commissioner Prelli to invite Gary Wheelock to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am.