



New Haven Food Policy Council (NHFPC)

Annual Meeting Minutes

February 22nd, 2014

Chair Alycia Santilli welcomed members, affiliates and friends to the NHFPC's first formal Annual Meeting, which took place at its Annual Gathering on February 22nd, 2014 at Hill Regional Career High School. Per its by-laws, the Council is required to conduct various business items at its Annual Meeting, including announcing new members, re-electing officers and voting on Affiliate organization members.

1. Announcement of new Council members

Caty Poole is executive director at Massaro Community Farm. She has been actively engaged with the Council for the last year and a half and allows us to have representation of a local farm in our conversations and work.

Kim Hart has been an active community advocate, with Mothers for Justice, seeking to correct social and economic injustices through changing policy and laws that keep the less fortunate from becoming self-sufficient. Most recently, Kim was trained with others by Food Assistance group to become advocates for healthy food to those on assistance.

Both Caty and Kim have been approved to serve by the Council and await final endorsement by the Board of Alders, as is done for all commissions of the City. We thank them for their willingness to serve.

2. Re-election of officers.

The current slate is:

Chair: Alycia Santilli

Vice Chair: Anika Thrower

Treasurer: Diana Richter

The position of Secretary has been vacant since last summer when Monique Stefani moved away; however, Caty Poole has indicated a willingness to serve as secretary. At this time all these officers are willing and able to continue to serve.

Motion is passed to nominate these members to be re-elected, and for the election of Caty Poole to serve as secretary until the next Annual Meeting.

3. Affiliate Members of the NHFPC

Affiliate Members allow us to engage partner organizations in the community, and serve a one year term. Affiliate members do not vote but are a critical element to the work of the Council.

At this time there is a proposal for the following organizations to be Affiliate Members:

Common Ground

CT Food Bank

Get Healthy CT

Fresh Advantage

New Haven Farms

The Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity

Yale Sustainable Food Project

Motion is passed to approve these organizations to serve as Affiliate Members until the next Annual Meeting.

Alycia noted that, as a commission of the City of New Haven, we are asked to prepare an Annual Report highlighting the work that was conducted over the past year. The NHFPC has just completed its annual report for 2013. This annual report was approved at our last Council meeting and will be made available electronically on the Council's web on the city's website, along with minutes of all our meetings.

That concluded the business portion of the Annual Meeting.