



# New Haven Food Policy Council

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## Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2012

**Members attending:** Maria Tupper, Roberta Friedman, Tagan Engel, Monique Centrone, Diana Richter, Anika Johnson

**Affiliates attending:** Christina Dang-Vu, Luray Shepard, Billy Bromage, Catherine Bradshaw, Skye Cornell, Sharon Taylor, Laura Mattaliano, JR Logan, Nicole Berube

### Updates

- Please change Maria Tupper's email to mariatupper70@gmail.com
- Grow New Haven/School Garden funding potential
  - Program now formally under Common Ground umbrella, but with separate governance
  - Funding potential once Board rules on it; partnership with Bridgeport
  - Food Corps volunteer will be working with them
- "Eating Alabama" film and panel discussion
  - Yale FES environmental film festival
  - Filmmaker ate only local food as experiment
  - Monique was on discussion panel; spoke about NHFPC
- New Haven Farms Fundraiser and status
  - Successful event at Bentara on April 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Beginning to grow at Chabaso site and Market/James site
- Food Summit - revising vision – 2 events in October
  - October may be "Food Month"
  - Needs to be scaled back, given limited resources/time (originally 2-day event)
- Meeting with Mayor's office – Food Action Plan
  - Discussed Food Action Plan and got very positive feedback from Sean Matteson on specific points; gave some direction on which strategies could go to the Board of Aldermen
- Jobs meeting with Board of Aldermen
  - Was "jobs pipeline" conversation, vs. creating new jobs
  - Tagan attended, spoke to her Alderperson
- New Council members
  - Tagan reached out to several new people
  - We need new ideas for member to fill one spot
  - Sectors that need representation: elders, early childcare worker; food businesses

### Brief Discussion

- Affiliate member letter and description
  - We're mostly inviting organizations, which can then decide who the representative would be; also invite individuals without specific affiliation
  - By default, the affiliate will be on any letters we send out, unless they ask to be removed
  - Council members voted to accept the letter
  - Policy on Affiliate Membership will be edited, sent to council members for approval

- Meeting Times – daytime? Evening?
  - Do we need to shift or alternate in order to include more people?
  - Discussion tabled
- How to use email list
  - Discussion tabled

**CEIO Update and Work Plan – Details on next page**

- What is the CEIO grant?
  - Co-creating Effective and Inclusive Organizations; funding organizations only in New Haven
  - Got funding to create outreach, community work for CitySeed and NHFPC
  - CEIO provides workshops on fundraising, sustainability
- Contracting meeting and follow-up meeting
  - ◆ New Community Food Systems Coordinator @ CitySeed (Tagan Engel)
  - ◆ CEIO pilot partners meeting
  - ◆ CEIO programs for council members and partners (handout)
  - ◆ Proposed core planning team from NHFPC: Tagan, Anika, Maria, Monique, Joel Tolman & Common Ground student, potentially Billy or Maurice from CARE. Additional members from CitySeed: Nicole Berube, Lisa Holmes, staff members; others have expressed an interest—core team will find ways to include them
- Planning our work in partnership with CitySeed
  - ◆ NHFPC - Sustaining and supporting the council as a hub for the food movement in NH
  - ◆ Food Action Plan – priorities for action
  - ◆ Community engagement
- Feedback on CEIO work from Council and affiliates
  - ◆ Design team will be meeting next month, will accept feedback at any point
  - ◆ This model of community engagement seems unique to us—are there other cities doing similar work? (Detroit or Milwaukee?) We can create a model.
  - ◆ This is a chance for NHFPC to bring together groups whose work is overlapping, or working at cross-purposes, to increase efficiency.
  - ◆ How do we measure our impact on collaboration, interactions, networking?

**NHFPC Facilitator Schedule:**

May 16: **James or Diana**  
 June 20: **Anika**  
 July 18: **Fred**  
**August: NO MEETING**  
 September 19: **Frank**  
 October 17: **Monique**  
 November 21: **OPEN**  
 December 19: **OPEN**

**Next Food Policy Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday May 16, 2012 - 8am - 9:45am**  
**City Hall Meeting Room #3**

## **Planning our work – 2 year CEIO grant Support**

### **Proposed Work for NHFPC Discussion April 2012**

#### **NHFPC - Sustaining and supporting the council as a hub for the food movement in NH**

- Solidify council structure (members' responsibilities, affiliate members, participants) & establish working groups
- Support from CitySeed (Council Administrator) and from City of New Haven
- Communication structure
- Web presence
- Role of Community Food System Coordinator

#### **Food Action Plan**

- Community engagement—how to do this
- Finalizing and submitting for vote of resolution with Board of Aldermen—what is the process
- Implementation guidance—what is the NHFPC's role?
- Food Summit with Will Allen – food system change – Oct 12, 2012

#### **Community Engagement – movement building**

- Community meetings for Food Action Plan feedback
- Establishing avenues for direct engagement in partnership with CitySeed and other community organizations and city offices
  - ◆ Working groups
  - ◆ Program links such as Cooking Matters, community gardens, WIC, SNAP etc.
- New website to create a visible unifying hub for food movement in NH
  - Documentation of all people working on/growing food in NH; create database to help create map which shows all the places food is being grown
- Telling our stories about food – partner with Color of Words
- Youth engagement and leadership development
  - NHFPC's Youth coalition is already involved, but needs attention—staff person to facilitate; increase participation in all arenas (e.g., school food); there are other youth groups in the city—need coordinating for involvement in food issues
- Food Summit – People Taking Action for Change – Oct 13<sup>th</sup>