

**RI State Conservation Committee
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Farm, Forest and Open Space Land Valuation Subcommittee

**SURVEY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

October 16, 2005

1:30 PM

USDA/NRCS Conference Room

Ken called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

In attendance were: Suzanne Kogut, Ken Ayars, Linda Cwiek, Ron Fasano and Wendy Hoyle.

Items distributed:

- Linda's letter that is sent to landowners in the FFOS program**
- CT Division of Ag Land Use Survey**

We discussed that the best way to get the survey out to the

landowners

is via the tax assessors letters to those in the farm, forest and open space program. These letters go out certified mail. The letters are mandated to be sent by November 31st. Suzanne and Linda have already spoken to the tax assessors about adding the survey to these letters. Landowners need to recertify by January 31st. The survey should be returned to the tax assessors when they send in the certification forms.

The committee reviewed CT's survey and went over what changes should be made for our survey. The survey would include: 'land category'; 'number of acres in each category'; 'total rent paid per year per category'; and a 'list all resources included in the rent'. The survey will include explanation for questions needed.

Questions regarding the survey will be directed to the Linda Cwiek, Suzanne Kogut and Ken Ayars.

Sue and Linda will draft a survey form and will email for review. The draft will be ready for vote on the next FFOS Subcommittee meeting on November 14th.

Motion made to adjourn at 2:10 pm. Suzanne/Ron Unanimous