

RI STATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

FFOS Subcommittee

2283 Hartford Avenue

Johnston, RI 02919

MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2015

NRCS Conference room

60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI 02886

I. Chair Ken Ayars called meeting to order at 2:10.

Present:

FFOS Subcommittee Members: Maria Mack (RISCC), Ken Ayars (RI DEM), Ron Fasano, Linda Cwiek (Tax Assessor, North Kingstown), Charlene Randall (Tax Assessor, West Greenwich), Will Walker (RI DEM/Division of Forest Health); RISCC Staff: Ramona LeBlanc; Dick Went (RIACD); Chris Modisette, Reena Shaw (NRCS); Paul Dolan (NRICD).

Absent:

FFOS Subcommittee Members: Clarkson Collins, Suzanne Kogut (Tax Assessor, Smithfield), James Savage (RI Department of Administration).

II. Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2010

meeting was made by Linda Cwiek, seconded by Maria Mack. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Review and Update of Recommended Values and Valuation Procedure

A. Forest Values: Chris Modisette presented an updated Forest Land Current Use Assessment Calculation report. A motion to accept the report was made by Maria Mack, seconded by Charlene Randall. Motion passed unanimously. Citing expenses incurred by forest landowners for development and implementation of forest management plans, a motion to maintain current recommended values for forestry (\$115/per acre) was made by Linda Cwiek, seconded by Charelene Randall. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Open Space Values: A report and revised soil type classification table, prepared by J. Eric Scherer, was presented. Revised soil classifications reflect soil types currently being used by soil scientists. A motion to accept the report, which documents methodology used to determine values, was made by Linda Cwiek, seconded by Ron Fasano. Motion passed unanimously. A motion to adopt the recommended values based on soil types was made by Linda Cwiek, seconded by Ron Fasano. Motion based unanimously.

C. Farm Values: The FFOS Subcommittee will meet again on February 23 to discusse recommended values for farm designation.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55.