

AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2004 MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Sullivan, Kevin Nelson, Judy Bailey, Tom Kravitz, Everett Stuart, Geoff DiCenso, Bob Sutton

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Opaluch, Eleanor Sasso, Eileen Naughton

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Kay, Lis Peterman, Mike Spencer, Ken Ayars

GUESTS:

The meeting began at 5:15 pm at the Jamestown Police Station Conference Room, 250 Conanicus Avenue, Jamestown.

Judy Bailey made a motion, seconded by Bob Sutton, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2004 meeting, with amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

The agenda for the August meeting was primarily limited to the review and discussion of draft rules, and a tour of three Jamestown farms in negotiation for the sale of development rights.

The Commission discussed at length the draft rules and regulations, reviewing and revising where agreed upon all proposed amendments to the existing rules. Bob Sutton made a motion, seconded by Tom Kravitz to approve the draft rules as amended, subject to legal review. The motion passed unanimously. Mary Kay and legal staff, DEM will make the revisions to the rules requested by the Commission, and format legally. The revised rules will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ken Ayars informed the Commission that the Aquidneck Island Land Trust (AILT) is close to signing an option agreement for development rights to the Escobar Farm, Portsmouth.

The AILT will soon make a formal request for funding from the Commission, likely to be in the range of \$500,000.

Mike Spencer, NRCS, discussed the NRCS Cooperative Agreements for the Panciera, Hopkinton and Manfredi, Westerly farms, which expire September 30th, 2004. Judy Bailey made a motion, seconded by Bob Sutton, to request of NRCS a one year extension of the agreements. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Spencer announced this will be his last meeting as he is leaving USDA to accept a teaching position at a University in the midwest. The Commission thanked him for his service, and wished him well in the new position.

The Commission proceeded to tour the Dutra, Neale, and Ceppi Farms in Jamestown, led by Bob Sutton. Each farm has been scored and accepted by the Commission for development rights, and are in the process of being appraised. Protection of these farms is important agriculturally, and in relation to overall land and watershed protection goals and strategies.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth D. Ayars, Chief
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Following are secondary, primary and total scores for each applicant:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Secondary Criteria</u>	<u>Primary Criteria</u>	<u>Total Score</u>
Perry	97-30-01	6.5	25.3	31.8
Carpenter	97-30-02	5.1	27.5	32.6
Pancierera	97-30-03	4.7	24.3	29.0
Carvalho	97-30-04	2.1	15.0	17.1
Maroney	97-30-05	-	-	not scored
Manchester	97-30-06	4.0	18.3	22.3
Manchester	97-30-07	2.7	21.3	24.0
DeGraide	97-30-08	-	-	not scored
Tucker	97-30-09	7.3	28.8	36.1
Richardson	97-30-10	-	-	not scored
Vitullo	97-30-11	2.8	23.6	26.4
Hopkins	97-30-13	-	-	not scored
Algieri	97-30-14	-	-	not scored
Peters	97-30-15	3.0	24.8	27.8
Miner	97-30-12	3.6	13.8	17.4
Kaiser	97-30-16	4.4	22.0	26.4
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Viall	97-30-18	-	-	not scored
Boesch	97-30-19	5.2	18.3	23.5
Borrelli	97-30-20	3.2	18.8	22.0
Dawley	97-30-21	8.0	25.3	33.3
Rowe-Drake	97-30-22	3.2	13.0	16.2
Lebreaux	97-30-23	3.0	20.7	23.7
Green	92-30-01	5.0	18.7	23.7
Harris	92-30-02	2.2	18.5	20.7
Freeborn	92-30-03	4.3	20.7	25.0
Almy	92-30-04	6.7	23.3	30.0
Foglia	93-30-01	-	-	not scored
Manchester	93-30-02	-	-	not scored
Dobson	94-30-01	4.6	14.5	19.1
DiFazio	94-30-02	4.5	13.3	17.8

Tucker	94-30-04	4.5	24.5	29.0
Kamp	95-30-02	-	-	not scored
Stevens	95-30-03	-	-	not scored

Respectfully submitted

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