

AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2004 MEETING

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Kay, Lis Peterman, Vicky Drew, Ken Ayars

GUESTS:

The meeting began at 5:15 pm at USDA, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick.

Kevin Nelson made a motion, seconded by Bob Sutton, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2004 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Kravitz announced his resignation. Judy Bailey made a motion, seconded by Bob Sutton to accept the resignation of Tom Kravitz with regret. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Kravitz introduced Jason Pezzullo, and the Chair read into the record a letter from the RI League of Cities and Towns appointing Jason Pezzullo as replacement. Jason Pezzullo is with the Planning Department, Town of Coventry, and he was welcomed by the Commission.

Bob Sutton conveyed the status of negotiations concerning the Green Property, North Smithfield and provided a memo to the Commission with proposed funding. A contribution of \$300,000 from the Commission is requested out of total of \$551,125 for 80+ acres, the Nature Conservancy providing the balance (including \$20,000 for survey). Ed Wright, local dairy farmer, will also purchase also the farm in fee. Bob Sutton made a motion, seconded by Kevin Nelson, authorizing the Chair to sign a purchase and sale agreement for the

Green Farm consistent with the arrangements in the 10/8/04 memo to the Commission, contingent upon all attempts being made to seek additional funding sources before finalization. The motion passed unanimously.

The Smith Farm, Tiverton was scored by the Commission and achieved a total score of 26.20 (primary - 20.20, secondary - 6.20).

The Fenner Farm, Charlestown, was scored and achieved a total score of 22.22 (primary 17.67, secondary 4.55).

Bob Sutton made a motion, seconded by Kevin Nelson to accept the scores (Smith is accepted into the program, Fenner is not, based on the Commission threshold of 24.0 points). The motion passed unanimously.

The Carpenter Farm, So. Kingstown was discussed, and a letter from the So. Kingstown land trust requesting a contribution of \$300,000 toward the purchase of development rights. Kevin Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ev. Stuart, to approve a contribution not to exceed \$300,000 toward the Carpenter Farm. The motion passed unanimously.

Ken Ayars spoke about re-evaluating the Fenner Project, as an adjoining farm (Ricci) will donate developments if Fenner is protected. The Commission agreed to discuss and possibly re-score Fenner, and Ken will ask the So. County Conservancy to speak in this regard at the November or December meeting.

The draft rule amendments were discussed briefly, and it was decided to devote the November meeting in entirety to the proposed rule amendments.

The Commission adjourned at 7:30 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
Algiere	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
Kaiser	97-30-17	(Kaiser scored as one application)		
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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