

AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE JULY 13, 2006 MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: George Mason, Everett Stuart, Kevin Nelson, Ken Ayars (for Bob Sutton)

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Opaluch, Jason Pezzullo

STAFF PRESENT: Lis Peterman, DEM/Agriculture
Vicky Drew, USDA/NRCS

GUESTS: Trish Sylvester, Tiverton Land Trust
Barbara Martin, Tiverton Land Trust
Alan Cruickshank, Tiverton Land Trust
Rich Clark, Clark Farm

The meeting began at 5:10 pm at the USDA, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick.

Dave Wallace, seconded by George Mason, made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2006 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

The Tiverton Land Trust guests, and Ken Ayars provided an update and information on the Hibbad Farm, in response to questions from the Commission at the June meeting. After discussion, Ken Ayars made a motion, seconded by George Mason, to commit \$200,000 toward the acquisition of development rights to the Hibbad Farm, Tiverton. The motion passed unanimously.

Rich Clark provided an update on his progress toward purchasing a portion of the Browning Farm for use as a farm retail stand. Clark has obtained approval by the Town of South Kingstown and South Kingstown Land Trust, pending a formal revision to the deed by the Commission and Land Trust. The Department of Transportation has provided a letter stating a road cut permit is not needed. Dave Wallace made a motion, seconded by George Mason, that Rich Clark has met the requirements of the Commission pertaining to the proposed purchase of a portion of the Browning Farm and the Legal Office of DEM may proceed with formal amendment of the Deed, and the Commission is to maintain its primary status as the Deed holder. The motion passed unanimously.

Vicky Drew discussed the 2006 FRPP grant award and Cooperative Agreement, and the status of prior year FRPP Cooperative Agreements. Dave Wallace made a motion, seconded by George Mason, that the Chair is authorized to sign amendments to the 2005 and 2006 Cooperative Agreements which extend end dates, move funds from the Kaiser farm to Salisbury, and make the Commission the primary easement holder to the LeBreux Farm. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed the status of the proposed rules, and agreed to submit the rules to the Economic Development Corporation for review, and schedule a public hearing for September 14th at USDA.

Kevin Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ken Ayars to adjourn at 7:10 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth D. Ayars, Chief
Division of Agriculture, RIDEM