

## **AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2006 MEETING**

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

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jason Pezzullo, Jim Opaluch

**GUESTS:**

**STAFF:** Lis Peterman, DEM  
Mike Combs, USDA

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

Kevin Nelson made a motion, seconded by George Mason to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Combs, USDA discussed the status of FRPP Cooperative Agreements with the Commission and upcoming ending dates in particular. The following Agreements expire in 2006/7:

Treaty Rock, Little Compton 5/31/07  
Dutra, Jamestown 9/30/07 (for the 2004 Agreement)  
Peckham 9/30/07  
Salisbury 5/31/07  
LeBreux 11/30/06

The Commission reviewed and scored applications.

Browning, South Kingstown - was recently protected by the South Kingstown Land Trust therefore the application not scored.

Fales, Bristol – was reviewed and the Commission determined that an updated soils evaluation is needed.

Jerome, Tiverton – was scored and achieved a score of 11.0 for primary criteria and 2.8 for secondary criteria for a total of 13.8. This score falls below the threshold of 24.0 needed for acceptance into the program.

George Mason discussed the upcoming meeting of the Farmland Appraisal Methodology Subcommittee and scheduled tentative meeting dates.

Ken Ayars and members discussed the status of various negotiations.

George Mason made a motion, seconded by Kevin Nelson to transfer funds allocated to Schartner (Bald Hill) to other projects if negotiations end with Schartner (he has rejected the Commission's offer). The motion was approved unanimously.

Kevin Nelson made a motion, seconded by Dave Wallace to authorize an offer of up to the full appraised value for the Bernie Smith property, Gloucester. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth D. Ayars, Chief  
Division of Agriculture, RIDEM