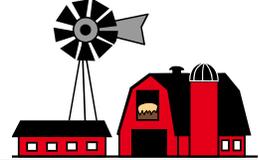




STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
Agricultural Lands Preservation Commission
c/o Department of Environmental Management
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908



AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2007 MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Everett Stuart, Kevin Nelson, Dave Wallace, William Wright, Mike Sullivan, George Mason

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Opaluch, Jason Pezzullo

STAFF: Lis Peterman, DEM
Ken Ayars, DEM
Mike Moorman, USDA

GUESTS: Rit Schartner
Tim Schartner
Jeb Schartner
Rich Schartner Jr.
Sur John Schartner

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm at USDA, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick.

Minutes from previous meetings were not yet prepared for review.

The meeting was principally devoted again to the Schartner Bald Hill Nursery project. Rich Schartner and sons discussed with the Commission their perspectives and intentions, and also the new Agricultural Conservation Model and concepts they hope to incorporate. The Schartners left following the presentation and discussion, and the Commission then discussed at length the project and specific components. Following this discussion Kevin Nelson made a motion, seconded by Will Wright to respond to the Schartners that the Commission agrees to the revised Schartner offer letter in the amount of 5.2 million if for 128 acres of the farm which must be clearly defined in the purchase and sale agreement, and that the Commission will only further negotiate regarding matters specific of the covenant - price, acreage and covenant language. The motion passed unanimously.

Ken Ayars gave an update regarding the Dutra and Neale Farms, Jamestown. The projects are still slated to close before the end of December. There have been multiple recent negotiations regarding aspects of the project as a result of the Dextras intention to retain the right to put up a farmstand outside of the excluded area around the farmhouse

and barn. This is a normal right and provision with the Commission's development rights covenant but is objected to by the Conanicut Island Land to the degree that the Land Trust has withdrawn their funding for the project. The Town of Jamestown has bond authorization to make up most of the difference, however requests of the Commission any additional funds that are able to be committed to the project. Mike Sullivan made a motion, seconded by George Mason to authorize up to an additional \$1,000,000 dollars toward Dutra and/or Neale. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth D. Ayars, Chief
Division of Agriculture, DEM