

**AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2007 MEETING**

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Nelson, Jim Opaluch, Jason Pezzulo

STAFF: Ken Ayars - DEM
Lis Peterman-DEM
Mike Moorman-USDA/NRCS

GUESTS:

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm at USDA, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick.

Minutes were not available from the July, 2007 meeting.

Copies of the new Commission Handbook and revised scoring sheet prepared by Kevin Nelson were handed out for review.

The status of farms in negotiation was discussed:

The Town of Jamestown will hold a public vote on September 18 to authorize bond funding for the Ceppi, Neale and Dutra Farms in negotiation.

An offer letter to Richard Schartner is to be composed based on extensive discussions with all potential parties to the agreement, ALPC, Towns of North Kingstown and Exeter, USDA and the private party to the agreement. Mike Sullivan taking the lead in discussions with the various interests.

DEM will not further negotiate with the Water Resources Board to obtain funding for the Tuckahoe Turf Project which leaves a shortfall in funding. Additional funding is therefore sought from various sources and under a revised budget scenario request is made to the Commission for an additional \$300,000. Dave Wallace made a motion, seconded by George Mason to approve an increase in the Commission allocation for Tuckahoe Turf from \$800,000 to 1.1 million. The motion passed unanimously. Bernie Smith, Gloucester undergoing survey, and negotiations continue with Pete Peckham, Tiverton and Treaty Rock Farm, Tiverton.

The Commission revised its meeting schedule for the remainder of 2007 and will meet at

5pm on September 6th (scoring meeting), September 27th, October 18th, November 15th and December 20th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth D. Ayars, Chief
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