



**AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2008 MEETING**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kevin Nelson, Will Wright, George Mason, Ken Ayars, Everett Stuart

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dave Wallace

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm at USDA, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick.

George Mason made a motion, seconded by Will Wright to approve with amendment the minutes of the February 2, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

George Mason made a motion, seconded by Will Wright to approve with amendment the minutes of the March 6, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Ken Ayars provided an update of the status of negotiation regarding Schartner Farm (Bald Hill Nursery), Exeter/North Kingstown. At 5:25 pm Will Wright made a motion, seconded by George Mason for the Commission to move into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(5) for the purpose of discussion or consideration related to the acquisition of real property for public purpose wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public. The motion passed unanimously. At 6:00 pm Ken Ayars made a motion, seconded by Will Wright, for the Commission to move out of Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

Will Wright made a motion, seconded by George Mason, to authorize the Chair to sign Letter of Intent #9 regarding the Schartner Farm acquisition of development rights to the former Bald Hill Nursery property, Exeter/North Kingstown conditional upon: 1) DEM/Legal review of provision number 8 to ensure the buyers right of first refusal remains if the property is conveyed within the family, 2) Provision number 13 does not contradict DEM appraisal standards, and 3) The Commission recognizes it does not have jurisdiction over the picnic grove and therefore provision number 20 of the Letter of Intent may therefore apply in regard the picnic grove in particular. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed the Twin Peaks Cattle Company, South Kingstown request for approval of best management related improvements funded by USDA/NRCS relating to manure management, a composting pad and farm road within the development rights easement. The Town has already approved by building permit. The Kevin Nelson made a motion, seconded by Will Wright to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed a request by Charles Borders, Foster to approve an outdoor furnace on land within the purchase of development rights easement. Will Wright made a motion, seconded by Ken Ayars to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

Schartner – status of negotiations discussed in Executive Session, and Letter of Intent approved during normal business.

Smith, Gloucester – closed.

Tuckahoe Turf, Richmond – closed

Peckham, Tiverton – in discussion with Town, USDA, DEM regarding subdivision of property and undergoing final survey.

DelVecchio, N. Kingstown – closed.

Freeborn, N. Kingstown – still in negotiation concerning placement of additional house on property.

The Commission discussed the proposed 2008 Open Space/Farmland Bond of which the General Assembly at present has defeated efforts to include in the budget. The Governor had proposed a bond in the amount of \$5 million, and land conservation advocates wanted it increased to \$15 million. The House Finance Committee and full Assembly have voted down a bond in any amount.

The Commission reviewed and scored farms under the new scoring system:

Albert, 65 Exeter Road, Exeter achieved a score of 46.2.

Iaciofano, Gloucester achieved a score of 39.6.

Stamp, Richmond achieved a score of 43.8.

Pezza, Johnston achieved a score of 37.8.

Moses, Cranston achieved a score of 34.2.

Albert, Iaciofano, Stamp and Pezza are therefore accepted into the program having achieved a score of at least 35 points or half of the possible total of 70.

The Commission discussed and approved the 07 fiscal year annual report required by separation of powers legislation which George Mason had prepared on behalf of the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth D. Ayars, Chief  
Division of Agriculture, DEM