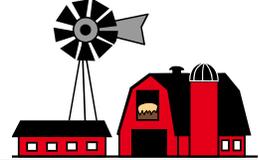




STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
Agricultural Lands Preservation Commission
c/o Department of Environmental Management
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908



AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2009 MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Nelson, Everett Stuart, Will Wright, Dave Wallace, Ken Ayars

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: George Mason

STAFF: Lis Peterman, DEM
Mike Moorman, USDA/NRCS

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am at the USDA, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI.

Kevin Nelson made a motion, seconded by Dave Wallace to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Ken Ayars updated the Commission on farms in negotiation, which at present consist of Peckham, Tiverton, all other negotiations having been completed and projects closed. DEM/The Nature Conservancy etc, continue efforts to raise funds for Peckham, including federal grants, and Peckham continues to work through the subdivision process with the Town of Tiverton. The Commission has committed \$500,000, and closing is anticipated sometime in 2009.

The Commission discussed farms to be included in the 2009 FRPP application, including the Kee Farm, Warren which at the last meeting was decided to be included pending it being scored and accepted at this meeting. The Kee farm was therefore scored and achieved an average score of 39.6, which being greater than the minimum threshold score of 35 allows the Kee farm to be accepted into the program and included in the Commission's 2009 FRPP application to USDA/NRCS. Will Wright made a motion, seconded by Kevin Nelson that the final Commission application to NRCS for FRPP funds consist of the Kee Farm – Warren, Luchka/Coulter Farm – Charlestown and Pezza farm - Johnston. The motion passed unanimously.

The status of membership was discussed as there remain two vacancies. The Governor and Senate have formally reappointed Dave Wallace. Karla Young and Kevin Brene have withdrawn their names as candidates, leaving Jim Pagliarini and Martha Neale as the remaining candidates submitted to the Governor's Office and/or recommended by the Commission, of which there has been no additional action by the Governor's Office or

Senate.

The Kent Farm, East Greenwich was again discussed with Ken Ayars asked to look into the original easement, and buildings since constructed on the farm with or without Commission approval.

The Commission discussed its draft handbook with Kevin Nelson to arrange a meeting to make final edits and distribute to members for final review.

The Commission briefly discussed the Schartner Farm (Bald Hill Nursery) and land grading activities post sale of development rights, as well as Schartner's request to re-score the farm upon completion of these activities and in relation to the North Kingstown transfer of development rights program.

Dave Wallace made a motion, seconded by Will Wright, to adjourn at 10:30 am. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth D. Ayars, Chief
Division of Agriculture, DEM