

## **AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 MEETING**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Everett Stuart, Kevin Nelson, Dave Wallace, Ken Ayars, Jim Paglarini

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** George Mason

**GUESTS:** Mike Kent, Heritage Equestrian Center

**STAFF:** Lis Peterman, DEM

The meeting began at 3:15 pm at the South Kingstown Land Trust Barn, Matunuck Beach Road, South Kingstown, RI.

Kevin Nelson made a motion, seconded by Dave Wallace to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Kent, Heritage Equestrian Center again presented a request to the Commission to construct a house on the farm in East Greenwich within the easement. The Commission has previously entertained a request by Mr. Kent in this regard and did not approve such. Kent does have a dwelling on the property within an exclusion zone that is used by farm employees, but desires to also to construct a house for use as a personal dwelling that would have to be within the easement area and is therefore making another request to the Commission in this regard. The Commission discussed and asked Mr. Kent to put the request in writing for Commission consideration.

Ken Ayars reported on farms in negotiation which at present only consist of Peckham, Tiverton due to tight fiscal situation within state government. There is nothing new to report other than Peckham is being reappraised.

The LaFontaine Farm, Coventry was scored and achieved a score of 34.2, which falls below the minimum threshold of 35 for acceptance into the program.

The Commission discussed membership and current status of efforts to seek members for vacant seats.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth D. Ayars, Chief  
Division of Agriculture, RIDEM