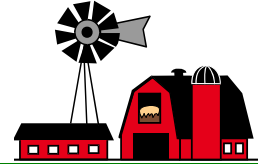




**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**  
**Agricultural Lands Preservation Commission**  
c/o Department of Environmental Management  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI 02908



**AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2010 MEETING**

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

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** George Mason, Jim Pagliarini

**STAFF:** Lis Peterman, DEM

**GUESTS:** Richard Schartner Sr., Schartner Farm

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm at the USDA, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI 02886.

Dave Wallace made a motion, seconded by Will Wright to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Nelson made a motion, seconded by Dave Wallace to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Richard Schartner gave a short presentation on a 20 acre parcel submitted for scoring at the corner of Routes 102/2, Exeter/North Kingstown which is an excluded area from the farm to which development rights were recently purchased. Schartner's intention is this parcel be scored for the purposes of the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program with the Town of North Kingstown. Everett Stuart and USDA/NRCS staff recently completed a soil evaluation of the property and discussed their report with the Commission. This parcel was scored and achieved an average score of 56.2 out of a possible 70 points, and is accepted into the program by virtue of it exceeding the minimum threshold of 35 points.

The Commission discussed in general the TDR program and will ask Mary Kay, DEM/Legal to perform a legal review of the role of the Commission in relation to the North Kingstown TDR program.

Ken Ayars reported on updates to proposed alternative energy projects at various farms under development rights easement. All are in discussion stage and it is the desire of both DEM and the Commission to derive a set policy and standards by which these projects are evaluated in relation to the covenants. DEM will meet soon in this regard internally and provide a recommendation to the Commission.

The Commission discussed membership and vacancies, having received a letter from Martha Neale, Jamestown recently indicating her desire to join as a member which has been forwarded to the Governor's Office with endorsement of the Commission. John Reiner, Director of Planning, Town of North Kingstown was discussed and to be recommended by the Commission to the Governors' officer as a potential member.

The 2010 Election of Officers was conducted and Dave Wallace made a motion, seconded by Will Wright to recommended Everett Stuart as Chair, and Kevin Nelson as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

The 2010 Meeting Schedule was discussed and Kevin Nelson made a motion, seconded by Dave Wallace to set the 2010 meeting scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 5pm, at USDA , 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick unless otherwise arranged. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission handbook was discussed which is in near final form, and it was agreed to finalize and vote to approve at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth D. Ayars, Chief  
Division of Agriculture, RIDEM