



AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2010 MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Everett Stuart, Kevin Nelson, Dave Wallace, Martha Neale, Will Wright, Lis Peterman for Ken Ayars.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: George Mason, Ken Ayars, Jim Pagliarini

GUESTS: Clifford Brothers-Clifford Farm, North Smithfield

STAFF: no staff were present

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm at USDA, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI by Kevin Nelson, Everett Stuart joined the meeting at 5:20pm. The minutes from August 26, 2010 meeting were reviewed and Commission members noted that Jim Pagliarini was not present at the meeting so a correction was made to the August 26, 2010 meeting minutes. Also noted was clarification on alternative energy projects, they are consistent with the covenant if the projects are for agricultural purposes and each project will be looked at on an individual basis. *Lis Peterman made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 26, 2010 meeting with appropriate corrections, motion was seconded by Willy Wright, motion passed unanimously.*

The issue of the Clifford Farm and the protection of water supplies map was clarified so the previous score did not change and the farm will remain in the program as previously scored.

There are a few farms that are under the appraisal process, Key in Warren and Lutchka in Charlestown. The Chair noted the appraisals were coming in low and land owners were expressing dismay.

There was a general discussion on alternative energy projects and how the commission will be handling any requests from land owners who have sold the development rights on their property and wish to pursue these types of projects. *A motion was made by Kevin Nelson that the Chair request guidance from DEM for the siting of windmill locations on the properties that have sold development rights, motion was seconded by Dave Wallace, motion passed unanimously.*

There was discussion about requesting a spreadsheet from DEM that shows how much money is left in the budget and which farms still need to be funded.

The meeting schedule was discussed and it appears that the third Thursday of every month at 5pm is a good time for most of the Commission. If there are no urgent matters in November the meeting may be canceled.

Under additional business a new application for a Cucumber Hill Farm was handed out to Commission members for review at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Will Wright to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Kevin Nelson, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lis Peterman, Division of Agriculture, RIDEM