

AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE July 21, 2011 MEETING

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: George Mason and Jim Pagliarini.

GUESTS: City of Cranston Planning Director Peter Lapolla , Julie Reichling representing Moreau Farm in Cranston, and Ken Panciera representing Panciera Farm in Hopkinton.

STAFF: Lis Peterman DEM/Agriculture, Mike Moorman USDA/NRCS, and Michelle Sheehan DEM/Planning

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm at USDA, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI by Kevin Nelson. The March 24, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed and noted that Will Wright was absent from the March meeting. Everett Stuart made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 24, 2011 meeting with appropriate corrections, motion was seconded by Dave Wallace, motion passed unanimously.

Peter Lapolla, the Planning Director for the City of Cranston talked about the Moreau Farm project and Julie Reichling, a family member from the Moreau farm gave a brief description of the farm and its'

history. It is a City and Federal project and another appraisal was needed and they are seeking funding so the project will close. The Moreau Farm application was reviewed and then scored and obtained a score of 38.4. A motion was made by Will Wright to accept the Moreau Farm into the PDR program, the motion was seconded by Martha Neale, motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Ken Ayars that a revised cost break down be submitted by the City and landowner and ALPC to fund an appraisal and other associated costs not to exceed \$20,000.00 Martha Neale seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Point Farm in Warwick was accepted into FRPP. Discussion about taking Pezza Farm out of current FRPP and replacing with Rocky Point Farm and applying Pezza to the next round of FRPP. A total of \$172,500.00 is needed by ALPC for Rocky Point Farm. A motion was made by Everett Stuart to amend cooperative agreement 73153509003 substituting Rocky Point Farm for \$172,500.00 instead of Pezza Farm, motion was seconded by Martha Neale, motion passed unanimously. Ken Ayars made a motion that ALPC contribute \$172,500.00 towards the purchase of development rights for Rocky Point Farm in Warwick, Will Wright seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. The Clifford Farm was discussed. A motion was made by Everett Stuart to contribute up to \$200,000.00 of ALPC funds toward the purchase of development rights, Martha Neale seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

The Tefft Farm (Hopkinton) application was reviewed and scored and obtained a total score of 39.2. A motion was made by Dave Wallace to accept the Tefft farm into the Purchase of Development Rights Program, the motion was seconded by Will Wright, the motion passed unanimously. Dave Wallace made a motion to authorize an appraisal for Tefft Farm in the appropriate time, the motion was seconded by Ken Ayars, the motion passed unanimously.

The Panciera Farm in Hopkinton was discussed and Ken Panciera from the farm was present. There was a problem with the original survey and a certain line was not established concerning boundaries with a neighbor. The Panciera Family would like to correct the line and is seeking money for a survey to re-establish the line. A motion was made by Will Wright to pay for a survey of the one boundary line in question, the motion was seconded by Dave Wallace, motion passed unanimously. It will have to be determined how to re-coop the liability costs due to the error made by the surveyor.

There is another FRPP grant round due by July 19, 2011 and applications must be in by then.

Bettencourt Farm in Tiverton was discussed. There is an additional parcel which the landowner would like to add in to the main farm which was already scored and accepted into the program. It was decided that the additional parcel should be scored separately and then added in if it passes with the appropriate score.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lis Peterman, Division of Agriculture, RIDEM