

**AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 25, 2011 MEETING**

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

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Pagliarini.

**GUESTS:** None

**STAFF:** Lis Peterman DEM/Agriculture and Michelle Sheehan DEM/Planning

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm at USDA, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI by George Mason. The July 21, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed. George Mason made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 21, 2011 meeting as written, motion was seconded by Dave Wallace, motion passed unanimously.

Kee Farm in Warren was discussed concerning overhead costs for appraisal, survey and engineering costs. The Town of Warren is looking for \$13,000.00 from ALPC to cover the costs. A motion was made by Kevin Nelson to approve the additional money upon a written request to ALPC by the Town of Warren, the motion was

**seconded by Everett Stuart, motion passed unanimously.**

**Pancieria Farm in Hopkinton was discussed concerning a new survey.**

**There are several errors in the current survey and it is not considered valid. A motion was made by Will Wright to re-survey all boundary lines of the Panciera Farm based on the selection of the lowest priced of at least 3 qualified bids, motion was seconded by Martha Neale, motion passed unanimously.**

**There was discussion of farms in negotiations. Rocky Hill Farm in Warwick was discussed, the property is currently being surveyed and should close in the spring. The title work is in process now for Clifford Farm and that is moving along. Luchka Farm may resubmit in the future. Cucumber Hill Farm in Foster had a low appraisal. Bettencourt Farm in Tiverton has had their appraisal completed and Hibbad Farm in Tiverton is currently being appraised. Another appraisal was completed for the Pezza farm that increased the value of the property. A motion was made by Kevin Nelson, pending approval by DEM appropriate state standards, to authorize payment for the appraisal of Pezza Farm, but not to exceed \$7000.00, motion was seconded by Dave Wallace, motion passed unanimously.**

**Several new applications were reviewed and scored. St. Pierre Farm in Little Compton was scored and achieved a total of 38. Bouthillette in Foster scored and achieved an average score of 20.8, Bettencourt in Tiverton was scored to include the added acreage now being**

offered and achieved a score of 45.7, and Cabot Farm in Little Compton was scored and achieved a score of 44.5. George Mason abstained from scoring the Cabot Farm. A motion was made By Kevin Nelson to accept St. Pierre Farm, Bettencourt Farm, and Cabot Farm into the ALPC and to authorize appraisals for all 3 farms, the motion was seconded by Ken Ayars, motion passed unanimously.

There are 2 vacancies for Commission Membership. Kevin Nelson reported that Rupert Friday from RI Agland Council would like to on the agenda within the next few months.

A motion was made by Kevin Nelson to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Dave Wallace, motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lis Peterman, Division of Agriculture, RIDEM