



**AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE February 17, 2011 MEETING**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Nelson, Dave Wallace, Martha Neale, Everett Stuart, Jim Pagliarini, and Ken Ayars

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: George Mason

GUESTS: none

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm at USDA, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI by Kevin Nelson. The January 20, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed and noted that the second on the motion to accept the corrected minutes from the December 16, 2010 meeting was made by Dave Wallace and not Will Wright. It was also noted that Kee Farm was spelled incorrectly, Mike Moorman's name was spelled incorrectly, and Lutchka/Coulter Farm was also spelled incorrectly. Clarification was noted that Payne Farm (Block Island) was being considered for FRPP application subject to scoring from ALPC. *Ken Ayars made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 20, 2011 meeting with appropriate corrections, motion was seconded by Martha Neale, motion passed unanimously.*

Kee Farm is negotiated, however a purchase and sales has not been signed to date. Payne Farm was not submitted to FRPP, Pezza was accepted into FRPP, but appraisal came in low. Clifford Farm has started the appraisal process. Applications to be submitted to FRPP include Clifford Farm and Cucumber Hill Farm. There was discussion about moving Pezza out of FRPP and Clifford into it's slot. *Ken Ayars made a motion to ask USDA to amend their cooperative agreement and move Clifford into Pezza's spot if Pezza declines, motion was seconded by Will Wright, motion passed unanimously. Dave Wallace made a motion that in the event that Clifford farm is submitted to FRPP under the prior year application that DEM, in conjunction with the Vice Chair of the Commission, is authorized to submit a substitute farm for 2011 at their discretion, motion was seconded by Everett Stuart, motion passed unanimously.*

Key in Warren accepted the most recent offer for sale of their development rights. Lutchka/Coltcher in Charlestown has 10 months before cooperative agreement expires. Pezza appraisal in Cranston came in low, they may not move forward because of this.

The Payne Farm from Block Island was scored and achieved a total score of 45.6, Garrison farm in Warwick was scored and achieved a total score of 36, and Moses farm in Cranston was also scored and achieved a score of 42.3. *Jim Pagliarini made a motion to accept the farms into the program, motion was seconded by Will Wright, motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lis Peterman, Division of Agriculture, RIDEM