

AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION COMMISSION (ALPC)

MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2013 MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Nelson, George Mason, Martha Neale, Everett Stuart, Dave Wallace, and Lis Peterman (for Ken Ayars).

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Pagliarini, Ken Ayars (Lis Peterman filling in) and Will Wright.

GUESTS: None

STAFF: Michelle Sheehan DEM, and Mike Kenyon USDA/NRCS

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 pm at USDA, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI by George Mason, Chair. The meeting minutes from March were not available for review.

Mike Kenyon gave an update on Federal Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP), and is currently working on obtaining eligibility documents from land owners prior to obligating funds for the cooperative agreements. It is anticipated all cooperative agreements will be signed by July/August.

Michelle Sheehan gave an update on the ALPC budget. There have been no changes since the last meeting, and farms in various stages of negotiation include Lial (Warren), Bailey (East Greenwich), Bettencourt (Tiverton), Knibb (Johnston), Sunset Orchards (Scituate), Rippin (North Kingstown- Town is taking the lead), and Payne (Block Island).

The Rotondo, Foster application was reviewed and scored. The total score was 28.2 which is not high enough to be accepted in the program (minimum score for acceptance is 35). The Carvalho Farm, Portsmouth application was reviewed and scored. The total score was 46.2, high enough to be accepted into the program. The Cotta Farm, Portsmouth application was reviewed and scored. The total score was 46.2, high enough to be accepted into the program. The Reynolds Farm, Hopkinton application was reviewed and scored. The total score was 37.3, high enough to be accepted into the program. The Andrews Farm, Exeter application was reviewed and scored. The total score was 41.8, high enough to be accepted into the program. Dave Wallace made a motion to accept the scores of Carvalho Farm, Cotta Farm, Reynolds Farm and Andrews Farm and to order appraisals for all 4 properties, motion was seconded by Martha Neale, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by George Mason to adjourn the meeting, motion was seconded by Martha Neale, motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.