



**AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2015 MEETING**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: George Mason, Kevin Nelson, Martha Neale, Jon Reiner, Everett Stuart, Michelle Sheehan for Ken Ayars

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Fay Strongin, Will Wright, Ken Ayars,

STAFF: none

The meeting was called to order at 4:19 pm at USDA, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI by K. Nelson, Vice Chair.

1. **On a motion by E. Stuart and a second by M. Neale, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the October 22, 2015 meeting.**
2. **ALPC budget.** M. Sheehan gave an update on the ALPC budget. The current balance is \$3,304,167. Current project commitments are \$150,000 to Rippin in N. Kingstown, \$550,000 to Bailey, \$185,000 to Regnier/Fletcher Road, \$70,000 to Gordon in S. Kingstown, \$200,000 to Whaley Farm in South Kingstown, \$1,000,000 to Adams in Exeter, \$330,000 to Broadwall in Coventry, \$160,000 to Cesario in N. Smithfield, \$233,333 to Hibbad in Tiverton. Current overhead commitments (appraisals and survey) total \$85,000.
3. **Status update of farms in negotiation**
 - a. Ferguson (Broadwall): 811 Sisson Road, Coventry – Champlin Foundation’s final contribution is \$284,788. Request to increase ALPC contribution from \$330,000 to \$375,212. **On a motion by M. Neale and a second by J. Reiner, the Committee voted unanimously to approve an ALPC contribution of \$375,212.**
 - b. Andrews: 99 Ten Rod Road, Exeter. The updated appraisal came in at \$356,000 up from \$265,000. Request to contribute up to ½ of the appraised value. **On a motion by E. Stuart and a second by M. Neale, the Committee voted unanimously to approve negotiations for an ALPC contribution of up to \$178,000.**
 - c. Cesario: 111 Pond House Road, N. Smithfield. Brief update of stalled project.
4. Review of farms on waiting list – additional discussion regarding outreach to landowners on waiting list.
5. Farmland Acquisition Program – brief summary of legislative amendment needed for implementation of the program. **On a motion by K. Nelson and a second by J. Reiner, the Committee voted unanimously to support amendment.**
6. Stewardship: update on monitoring progress – brief status update.

7. NRCS Agricultural Conservation Easement Program: deferred

There being no further business, on a motion by K. Nelson and a second by J. Reiner, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Sheehan, Division of Planning and Development, RIDEM