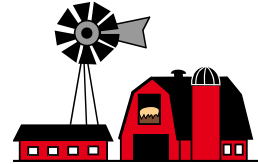




**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**  
**Agricultural Lands Preservation Commission**  
c/o Department of Environmental Management  
235 Promenade Street  
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**AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**Draft Meeting Minutes for**  
**Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 5:00 pm**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kevin Nelson, Martha Neale, Ken Ayars, Jon Reiner, Everett Stuart

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Diane Lynch, Laura Bozzi, Dave Wallace

**STAFF:** Michelle Sheehan – DEM

**The meeting was called to order at 5:12 at USDA, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI by K. Nelson, Chair.**

**1. Meeting Minutes. On a motion by K. Ayars and a second by M. Neale, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 18th meeting.**

**2. Review of current ALPC budget.** M. Sheehan provided update on current budget. The current balance remains the same at \$2,977,808.52. Both Regnier (ALPC contribution of \$195,000) and Spruce Acres (ALPC contribution of \$300,000) closed this month. Brief discussion by K. Ayars of the proposed use for the \$2.977 M. These funds come from the recent bond to DEM and can be used for either the new Farmland Access program, or the existing Development Rights program through ALPC. Intent is to prioritize projects within the Farmland Access Program.

**3. Status update of farms in negotiation:**

**Adams, Glen Rock Road, Exeter:** M. Sheehan informed the Commission that the survey is underway and closing is expected in September.

**4. ALPC Scoring Criteria.** K. Nelson let a discussion of the possibility of revising the criteria used to score incoming applications. General agreement that this is a good idea. Discussion to be continued at subsequent ALPC meetings.

**5. Applications to score**

**Kenney, Dye Hill Road, Hopkinton** was scored by the Commission and achieved an average score of 35.

**Berlinsky, 930 Hopkins Hill Road, West Greenwich** was scored by the Commission and achieved an average score of 36.

The minimum score for acceptance into the program is 35. **On a Motion by E. Stuart and a second by J. Reinter the Commission voted unanimously to accept Kenney and Berlinsky into the program and to authorize appraisals.**

6. **NRCS Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – program updates.** J. Bachand informed Commission members that Regnier has recently closed and Whaley should be closing in the next month or so. In addition, NRCS is assembling information from program partners around the state to prepare a request for additional ACEP funding. ALPC will participate.

**There being no further business, on a motion by J. Reiner, seconded by E. Stuart, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:13.**

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Sheehan, DEM