

FPAB December Meeting  
Thursday, February 17, 2022

DRAFT Meeting Minutes (taken by Holly Lalime)

FPAB Members Present: Robin Chesmer (Chair), Jiff Martin (Vice Chair), Robert Chang, Ben Freund, Will O'Meara, Joan Nichols, John Hall, Terry Jones, Elisabeth Moore

FPAB Members Absent: Ellie Angerame, Jason White

CT Dept. of Agriculture: Cam Weimar, Carole Briggs, Holly Lalime

Others Present: Michelle Sheehan and Ken Ayers (RI Dept. of Environmental Management), Chelsea Gazillo (Working Lands Alliance)

Robin Chesmer called the meeting to order at 9:02AM.

**Guest Presentation on Buy-Protect-Sell in Rhode Island:**

by Michelle Sheehan - State Land Conservation Program Manager – Division of Planning and Development – Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and Ken Ayers – Chief – Division of Agriculture and Forest Environmental – Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.

Michelle and Ken discussed with the board how the state of Rhode Island built a program for Buy-Protect-Sell and completed its first project in South Kingstown.

**Approval of January 20 meeting minutes:**

Joan Nichols made a motion to accept the January 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Jiff Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Expediting the PDR Process:**

The group discussed strategies for how to resolve slow downs in the PDR process.

**Discuss DoAg's legislative proposal for PDR subdivision:**

Joan Nichols made a motion that the Farmland Preservation Advisory Board be put on record that the board is highly dissatisfied with not being consulted on a legislative proposal to subdivide PDR's. John Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*Executive Session\***

**Adjourn:**

Joan Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Will O'Meara seconded. Motion passed.