

FARMLAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

CRITERIA SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes – July 20, 2009 Meeting

Members present: John Guskowski, Steve Reviczky

Others present: J.Dippel, Katherine Winslow, Elisabeth Moore, Bill Duesing

- I. Call to Order: Chairman John Guskowski called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. at CT Farm Bureau in Windsor.
- II. Review and Approval of May 19, 2009 minutes: The minutes were not available so this item was tabled until the next meeting.
- III. Old Business: Dippel and Winslow provided two handouts showing revised scores, and summary of revised scores, of small farms based on the revisions recommended at the last meeting. The relative scoring of farms was discussed extensively. Winslow pointed out the farms that scored the lowest and highest in each category. The group generally agreed that some additional consideration should be made for the following: age of small farm owner, gross sales from small farm, small farm owner and core farm owner the same, proximity between core farm and subject small farm, and other conservation programs available to small farm owner. A two-tier system of scoring was recommended so that small farms must meet some minimum criteria (e.g. cropland, farmland soils, land trust or municipal ranking, and gross receipts) in the first cut before the secondary evaluation (e.g. surrounding land use, marketing, commitment of landowner) takes place. Winslow and Moore will meet to discuss a two-tier system for ranking the farms. Dippel would like to finalize criteria to proceed with draft regulations for September's Farmland Preservation Advisory Board meeting.
- IV. New Business: No new business was discussed.
- V. Schedule Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Criteria subcommittee was scheduled for August 27, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the CT Farm Bureau in Windsor.
- VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. (Guskowski/Reviczky).

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Katherine Winslow on September 1, 2009