

Wallingford Conservation Commission

Minutes of Farmland Lease Committee Meeting April 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Farmland Lease Committee (hereinafter 'FLP') chair Dianne Saunders.

Present were: Commissioners Carl Arsenault and Tom Pietras, and Environmental Planner, Erin O'Hare. Not present: Commissioner James Pyskaty. No members of the public were present.

On behalf of the Conservation Commission, as voted at their meeting 04/08/10, the group reviewed the following: the bid submissions for Town of Wallingford Public Bid No. 09-156, Leasing of Town Owned Open Space for Agricultural Purposes, 4 Fields, based on the copy of the bid documents from the Purchasing Department.

One bid had been submitted. All required documentation was submitted with the bid. The bidder quoted \$30 per acre per field per year, for fields 1A&1C, and 7E&7F, for a seven year term ending 12/31/2016 using deep zone tillage for vegetables/corn. There were a few proposed exceptions, which the committee reviewed. After calling Roger Dann (during the meeting by speaker phone) and the bidder, Mr. Cecarelli, all exceptions were deemed acceptable, with all parties agreeing on a language change for one exception:

1A, 1C for specification AA – Bidder's proposed exception: "Providing 48 hours notice is not possible." All parties (committee, bidder, Mr. Dann) agreed that the language should be changed to "48 hours advance notice is preferred, but when unforeseen circumstances occur, a minimum of 2 hours advance notice to the Water Division is required."

Following the meeting, the full bid proposal will be forwarded to Roger Dann for final review by his department.

Erin O'Hare stated she will fill out the orange form from the Purchasing Department when she receives it, reflecting that the Conservation Commission accepts the bid as proposed, with the change noted above for one of the exceptions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Saunders