

# **FARMLAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD**

## **CRITERIA SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **Draft Minutes – January 27, 2009 Meeting**

Call to Order: Chairman John Guskowski called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. at CT Farm Bureau in Windsor.

Members present: John Guskowski and Steven Reviczky

Others present: J.Dippel, Katherine Winslow, Elisabeth Moore, Jiff Martin, Kip Kolesinskas

Review of December 3, 2008 minutes: past meeting minutes were not reviewed or discussed.

#### **Old Business:**

Continue discussion of draft criteria for Community Farms Preservation Program and review of draft scores prepared by CT Department of Agriculture for several small farm applications. Review of draft scores for a few farm projects prepared by Connecticut Farmland Trust. Discussion of federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program criteria and potential relevance to Community Farms Preservation Program. Further discussion of original intent of legislation and potential revisions needed to draft criteria questions and relative weight of each.

#### **New Business:**

CT Department of Agriculture will meet with U.S. Department of Agriculture to draft scores using federal Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) criteria; date to be determined.

FPAB Criteria subcommittee shall conduct a field visit of potential small farms from the batch considered to review scores and criteria ranking; tentative date set for February 20, 2009 meeting at 9:00 a.m. CT Farm Bureau in Windsor.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m. (JG).

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Katherine Winslow on January 27, 2009