



Land for Maine's Future Program
Minutes of the Meeting
September 17, 2013

Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry
Maine Forest Service Bolton Hill Facility, Augusta, Maine

Board Members Present:

Bill Vail, Chairman	Norman Gosline	James Gorman, Jr.	James Norris
Walter Whitcomb	Patrick Keliher	Ben Emory	Diane Doyle

Board Members Absent:

Chandler Woodcock James Connolly (attended for Chandler Woodcock)

Staff Members Present:

Sam Morris Tom Miragliuolo R. Collin Therrien Ed Meadows

Others

Shannon Ayotte, DACF Commissioner's Office
Bob Marvinney, DACF Geology and Natural Areas
Kathy Eickenberg, DACF Div. of Parks and Lands
Tom Abello, The Nature Conservancy
Jeff Romano, Maine Coast Heritage Trust
Sarah Demers, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Diano Circo, Trust for Public Land
Stephanie Gilbert, DACF, Bur. of Food and Rural Resources
Eliza Donoghue, Natural Resources Council of Maine
Dick Clime, Coastal Enterprises Inc.
Hugh Cowperthwaite, Coastal Enterprises Inc.
Bill Durkin, Biddeford Open Space Committee
Tim O'Donnell, ?

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Vail called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and asked for introductions around the room.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion: by Ben Emory, 2nd by Commissioner Whitcomb to accept the July 15, 2013 minutes of the meeting. Passed unanimously.

3. Conservation and Recreation Project, Expanding the Androscoggin Greenway

Deferred until November meeting when representatives from Androscoggin Land Trust can be present at the meeting.

4. Report of the Deer Wintering Area Work Group

Mr. Meadows presented an overview of the results of the August meeting. A discussion ensued. The criteria is still a work in progress.

5. Draft of LMF Proposal Workbook for Review and Discussion

Mr. Meadows presented the draft workbook. A lengthy discussion ensued.

6. Draft of Working Waterfront Proposal Workbook for Review and Discussion

Tom Miragliuolo presented an overview of the draft workbook.

7. Committees and Members

Mr. Meadows presented the current list of committees and members. Jim Gorman and Jim Norris asked to be on the Scoring Committee. Norman Gosline will no longer be on the Nominations Committee.

8. Summary of New Bonds Available for Next Round

Mr. Meadows presented an overview of the available bonds for next round and bonds to be sold.

9. Correspondence from Land Trusts

Chairman Vail presented a letter from Maine Land Trust Network that was received August 8th. Ben Emory suggested that a letter of appreciation for the helpful advice/guidance be sent to Maine Land Trust Network. LF staff will draft a letter.

10. Staff Updates

Commissioner Whitcomb gave a brief operations report. He spoke upon the upcoming changes taking place within DACF as of October 9th set in motion by the legislature. Bob Marvinney will be the Director of the Bureau which LMF will now be a part. He also announced that the listing for the LMF Executive Director position will be posted soon. He spoke of funding challenges as there is no fund in place to pay for per diem expenses.

Mr. Meadows presented on the current available funds and bonds not sold yet.

Update on Closings

Mr. Meadows updated the Board on projects that have closed since the last meeting. These include Pleasant Bay Wildlife Management Area-Oscar Pond North parcel. Pending are: Scammon Farm, Sousa Property, J.O. Brown Working Waterfront and Maine Fresh Lobster Working Waterfront.

Status of Active Projects for Available Funds

Mr. Meadows presented a spreadsheet on the projects that are anticipated to close in 2013 and expenses postponed to 2014.

Board Per Diem Payments

Mr. Meadows presented regarding the new vendor forms that board members need to complete and turn in to be set up in the payment system to submit expenses for Board meetings.

11. Proposed 2014 Board Calendar

Mr. Meadows presented suggested dates for upcoming board meetings and Appraisal Oversight Committee meetings. Ben Emory will not be available for the February 18th meeting.

The next LMF Board meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the DACF Bolton Hill Facility.

Adjournment: 4:21 p.m.