

**MAPSS Executive Committee Meeting**  
**May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009**  
**Deering Agricultural Building, Augusta, Maine**

The meeting was brought to order at 1:30 pm.

**Roll Call:** Dave Rocque, Chris Dorion, Joe Noel, Dale Brewer, Gary Fullerton (via conference call)

**Site Law Application:** Discussion of existing §11 Site Law problems. Mary Anne Hubbert, Jeff Dennis, and Dave Wadell would be the contact people at MDEP. MAPSS needs to emphasize that better soil mapping will ultimately save money for landowners due to blown out roads, culverts, violations, etc. For example, the difference among Abram, Scantic, and Colton soils; A-slope versus D-slope, etc.

MAPSS' goal would be to hold a joint meeting with MDEP. There is a need to "mix and match" soil survey types; e.g., a site may require a Class A in disturbed areas, buffers, and storm water conveyances, with a less intensive soil survey in undisturbed areas.

The format for a client would be: map the site with a Class B, so the roads can be laid out, hydric soils and steep slopes determined, etc. Following this preliminary site design, a Class A soil survey would be required for final road layout, stormwater, etc. This somewhat follows the LURC standards.

"Open space" may have to be a Class A if disturbed (picnic, athletic areas that are graded).

"Improved roads or impervious surfaces", along with storm water structures such as buffers, level-lip spreaders, etc. would require a Class A.

"Filled and excavated areas" would require a Class A.

"Undisturbed areas", i.e., no earth movement and shall remain undeveloped could just require NRCS confirmation. However, a town may require a stricter soil survey.

*MOTION: That MAPSS will request a meeting with MDEP and the State Soil Scientist to discuss revisions to §11 of the Site Law Application form AND endorse the comments of the letter of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 from State Soil Scientist Dave Rocque to Mr. James Cassida of MDEP.*

Motion seconded with a unanimous vote of Exec. Comm. members (Gary Fullerton via conference call).

**Janet Cormier Scholarship:** At this point Johanna Szillery called in on the conference line. She explained that the Education Committee (Szillery, Kettell, Turcotte) received 3 applicants for this scholarship. Because one of the applications was incomplete, the other two were awarded the scholarship funds (\$1,000 split in half, \$500 to each applicant). Johanna will get the checks from Gary and write the two congratulatory letters. A third letter will be sent to the incomplete applicant encouraging them to re-apply.

**Reid State Park Workshop:** Logistics - Gary will again provide the laptop and projector, Dave Marceau the large screen, Chris the generator, electric cords, and P/A.

Dale Brewer agreed to take the lead with registrations on the day of the workshop. Johanna Szillery and Anna Kettell have agreed to help. Joe Noel agreed to work on certificates of attendance.

There are 4 major new sites (transects) in addition to two revisits (from last year). These 2 revisits will be tested with the new Draft Interim Regional Supplement ACOE Manual, specifically the new provision for using FACU species with morphological adaptations to hydric soils.

Paul Minkin will visit the sites in August. He will also visit Saddleback Ski Area, a site for next year's MAPSS' soil workshop, and also Burnt Jacket subdivision at Moosehead.

The 4 transects will have 4 botanists: Lauren Stockwell, Karol Worden, Eugenie Francine, and Laura LaPierre. The 4 soils scientists at the transects will be Greg Granger, Dave Wilkinson, Dave Rocque, and Chris Dorion. Regulatory staff at this point will include Paul Minkin, Marcia Spencer-Famous, **Doug Coombs, State Site Evaluator**, and Mike Mullen.

The NEHSTC will have a field visit to the sites in late August.

Joe Noel will design a cover for the Reid workshop guide packet.

**MAPSS Guidelines:** MAPSS will have the Guidelines printed and bound for all members, plus some extras for regulators.

Chris volunteered to get the Guidelines printed and bound.

Joe Noel will call Ken Stratton regarding his participation.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chris Dorion, acting Secretary for the meeting.