

## **Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientist**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Annual Business Meeting Minutes (to be approved/amended)**

**11:00 AM to 12:30 PM via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Maine Associated of Professional Soil Scientist (MAPSS) President Chris Doiron

### **Election of Officers**

A motion was made and passed for the following slate of officers for 2022:

- President: Rodney Kelshaw
- Vice President: Roger St. Amand
- Treasurer: Gary Fullerton
- Secretary: Eric Whitney
- Past President: Chris Dorion
- Director: Natalie Marceau

Proposed slate was approved. Chris Dorion will continue to work on “The Lay of the Land” newsletter for the short term but is looking for a replacement.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Gary Fullerton reported on MAPSS finances for 2021. \$920 was collected from membership dues, \$1,285 was collected from the annual workshop. \$1,000 dollars was donated to the Envirothon. A motion was made and passed to approve the Treasurer’s report.

### **Envirothon**

Envirothon plans to hold an in-person event for 2022. Last year, \$1,000 was donated to Envirothon. A motion was made and passed to donate \$1,000 to the 2022 Envirothon.

### **Janet Cormier Scholarship**

Mike Jakubowski reported on the Janet Cormier Scholarship. Two individuals applied for the scholarship in 2021, Jasmine Gregory and Angy Consella(sp?). Mike stated that the scholarship would be more helpful if awarded in the Fall semester rather than the Spring. Mike believes that the Fall would allow for more applicants due to better timing with student’s academic year. Concerns were raised regarding the logistics of “doubling up” on scholarships for one year. A motion was made to open the scholarship in Fall of 2022, the motion was passed.

### **Membership Updates**

There are currently 18 full members. No new members in 2021. Congratulations were made to recently licensed members, Mike Jakubowski, Chris Coppi, Anne Biddle, and Eric Whitney.

### **Natural Resource Conservation Service Updates**

Tony Jenkins and Nicholas Butler gave updates on the NRCS. The service has been making a push to hire additional staff. Last year, five new hires were made including Jasmine Gregory from the Janet Cormier Scholarship. Efforts are being made to map the White Mountains and Lake Champlain area, no recent mapping in Maine. Soil Forest Productivity data sets are being updated in Maine.

### **Natural Resource Field Workshop - Wolfe's Neck Farm**

The 2021 Natural Resource Field Workshop was held at Wolfe's Neck Farm in Freeport, Maine. The successful field day has resulted in renewed interest in reusing Wolfe's Neck as a venue. New stations will be investigated to ensure variety.

### **University of Maine – Loss of Soil Science Curriculum**

Ivan Fernandez has stated that the University of Maine would be cutting Soil Science credits from their program. Ivan has reached out to MAPSS to assist with promoting the field of Soil Science with the hopes of adding credits to the program once again.