

MAPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2009 – 1:00 pm

Members present:

Chris Dorion
Gary Fullerton
Andrew Carpenter
Johanna Szillery
Dave Rocque
Dale Brewer

meeting began at 1:15pm

cash on hand is \$9,500 currently. \$1,000 is designated (voted on at 2008 annual meeting) for two \$500 scholarships to be disbursed after the 2009 annual meeting.

Annual Meeting – March 10, 2009

Discussion of donations proposed for 2009

- UMaine Soil Judging team - \$1,000
- Envirothon - \$500
- Scholarships – two of \$500 each

Membership update – Dave Rocque recommended looking for associate members through MAWS, town planners and Code Enforcement Officers

Wayne Hoar has retired after 34 years of service. Chris Dorion will ask NRCS for representative to give NRCS update. Possibility of Tony Jenkins for this presentation.

Dave discussed the need for revising the soil mapping requirements section of the Site Location of Development Application. Representative Bob Duchesne is sponsoring “An act to Update the Site Location of Development Law”. MDEP is proposing to update the Site Law Rules at the same time as the Law is being updated. Dave said the soil mapping requirements for specific types of projects is not in the Rules but the Application. Dave wrote Jim Cassida of the MDEP on January 22, 2009 listing his recommendations and reasons for revising the soil mapping requirements in the Application. He feels that the MDEP soil mapping requirements do not provide enough detail for a proper review of development projects. Chris will put Dave’s letter on the website as well as e-mail all members prior to the annual meeting. This will be an item of discussion at the annual meeting.

Dave handed out some proposed revisions to vote on at the annual meeting regarding changes to the MAPSS Guidelines for soil identification and mapping. These changes include the new Class L (for linear projects) soil survey, kinds of soil map units, and soil wetness. Chris will put these drafts on the website. These drafts will be in the newsletter to be mailed out in early February.

Groundwater Model

Dave Turcotte has prepared a document summarizing the cost, features, and concepts demonstrated for 3 groundwater models. Johanna made a recommendation of the ISU – S & WCC Students model for a cost of \$540 to present for vote at the annual meeting.

Dave R. was not in favor of purchasing a groundwater model because they inaccurately portray contaminated groundwater treatment and movement in most Maine soils. The models are filled with sand so they show a simple gravity driven plume of potentially contaminated groundwater. In reality, most Maine soils are finer in texture and have capillary pores which greatly affect the movement and treatment of contaminated groundwater. He was concerned people may get the wrong impression of how soils treat (or fail to treat) waste water.

Newsletter

Amy Jones has asked for newsletter articles by February 3rd. The executive committee asked Dave to summarize his letter to Jim Cassida regarding the Site Location of Development Law for the newsletter.

Nominating Committee

Current nominations include Gary Fullerton for Treasurer, Anna Kettell for Secretary, and Dale Brewer for Director. Chris Dorion (President), DaveTurcotte (Vice President) and Andrew Carpenter (Treasurer) will be finishing their terms and will not be on the slate of officers for 2009. Chris will continue his work as webmaster.

Scholarship Application

Johanna presented a new 2009 application for the Janet Engle Cormier Soil Science Scholarship. Several revisions were recommended during discussion. Johanna will update and send out to prospective applicants.

No Executive Committee meeting was scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30pm

