

## Draft SIC Minutes

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
MFPC Headquarters  
Augusta ME

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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## In attendance:

Mike St. Peter	CLP/Hilton T.	Donald Mansius	MFS
Tom Charles	BPL	Jan Santerre	MFS
Tom Gilbert	MFS	Elizabeth Farrell	AFM
Jan Santerre	MFS	Eugene Mahar	LandVest Inc.
John Starrett	Sappi	Pat Sirois	ME SIC
Scott MacDougal	J.D. Irving	Gordon Gamble	Wagner
Dave Griswold	Verso Paper	Mike Markevich	Verso
Steve Follette	WP LLC	Dale Currier	LP
Ted Wright	NE TCNF	Tim Richards	ReEnergy
Barry Burgason	Huber Resources	Eric Walberg	Manomet
Ben Dow	Weyerhaeuser	Dave Publicover	AMC
Doug Denico	MFS	Sherry Huber	Maine Tree
John McNulty	7 Islands	Chris Deane	Catalyst Paper
Christopher Nichols	7 Islands	Dave Wilson	KFM
Eric Dummond	E. Dumond	Mark Berry	Schoodic Institute

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**Call to Order** – Dave Griswold called the meeting to order.

**Welcome and Introductions** – Dave Griswold welcomed SIC members and initiated introductions.

**Anti-Trust Statement** – Dave read the antitrust statement and circulated the attendee's signup sheet.

**Approval of Minutes from the 12/7/16 SIC meeting** – Dave Griswold requested a motion to approve the December 7<sup>th</sup> SIC minutes as written. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – Kip Nichols – currently we have received just fewer than 71,000 in dues. Operational expenses are trending as appropriate for this point in the year. Vehicle expenses are a bit high but remember we have over 100,000 miles on the pickup. Education expenses haven't really started as it is still early in the year. If you look at previous years, we are currently trending in a similar manner as we have historically. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Presentation - Maine landowners' interest in carbon markets**

Study conducted by KMF, funded by SFI Inc.

**Presenters:** Allison Truesdale, Sherry Huber – KMF  
 Dave Publicover – Senior Staff Scientist – AMC  
 John McNulty – President and CEO, 7 Islands Land Co.  
 Mark Berry – President and CEO, Schoodic Institute

The take home message is that there are several issues with carbon markets that make it unattractive for many private landowners to participate. Some of those issues include, 100 year commitments, lack of flexibility to deal with catastrophic events such as bud worm and onerous claw-back provisions. Family ownerships are particularly resistant to tie the hands of their future family members by committing them to the structured, 100 year, carbon credit commitment.

### **Monitoring and managing for climate change**

Project produced by Manomet, funded by SFI Inc.

**Presenter:** Eric Walberg – Manomet Center for Conservation Science

The take home message was that the climate is changing and the ability to measure changes in the forest will help us understand how we can maximise the benefits from those changes that are recognized as positive and attempt to adapt and mitigate the possibility of changes recognized as negative.

### **Sub-committee Reports**

**Outreach Committee** – Scott Pease, chair – Pat reported on behalf of Scott that the a draft of the SIC progress report is being reviewed by SFI Inc. and when we the green light from them we will be headed to the printer. Pat shared a draft of the report to the SIC. The initial outreach plan, as has been the case in the past, is to provide the report to all Maine legislators, relevant agency leadership, and to all 502 municipalities in Maine. In addition, SIC members will have access to the report on the website, and if you would like copies, you should let me know so what we make sure we print enough for everyone's needs. **Action** – Please let Pat know within the next few days if you have a need for a significant number of reports.

Make-a-wish. I've been in contact with Kate Vickery, the director of MAW Maine. There are two wishes being granted this spring where wood constructed structures are being granted to the children. One is going to be a ninja turtle play gym. The other is a clubhouse with a maximum size of 400 square feet. The initial request was for a tiny home but MAW has policies that don't allow more than one story, electricity, and other limitations. The play gym is for a three year old and the design should be fairly straight forward by speaking with the parents. The second wish is a little more complicated do the fact that the boy is 12 years old and would naturally like to have input into the design. The additional challenge is that he has had a bone marrow transplant and needs to remain isolated for the near term which makes it a little challenging to meet with him generate a design. Kate is making contact and I will work with her as intermediates to bring his design wishes to a professional designer with Hancock Lumber. LP has offered materials once they have a design. MAW would like to try and have the project completed sometime in the middle of the summer.

Certification conference – the Outreach committee discussed the notion of doing another certification conference like was done in 2001 and in 2008. One question and opportunity is the EDAT roadmap project and what might be orchestrated to role that effort out. So the discussion on a conference is still very conceptual at this point.

Since the last meeting we held the flume table distribution and operational educational event. You can see an article in the report that details the event and reactions.

Healthy Forest Program update– *Jan Santerre*

**What Will my Woods Look Like? – Jan**

Project by MFS/SIC, funded by SFI Inc.

Guide for small woodland owners. Pam Wells will do the photography. We've hired her to take pictures and video at sites at the Skowhegan Yankee woodlot, Sewall woods, Portland evergreen cemetery and other properties. All the pictures will be described with a combination of technical and layman's terminology. The goal of this project is to make landowners contemplating a harvest, more comfortable with the process by showing them potential outcomes of a harvest with pictures. Hopefully this tool will be a helpful in communicating expectations between the landowner, logger and forester.

**Wildlife Committee** – *Barry Burgason, Canada Lynx – going through a draft review. MIF&W reached out to the forestry community and we sent in some comments. We responded that with the upcoming spruce budworm, forest management should be favorable for lynx.*

**DWA guidelines-** *intended to standardize guidelines for our biologist. We will give comments back to IF&W on those guidelines.*

**Moose** – We've expressed concerns with over population of moose demonstrated by over browse and problems with regeneration. With the problems moose are having with ticks, IF&W isn't really interested in lowering the population too much at this point.

**Bears** – There are too many and IF&W trying to change rules.

We have a FIN meeting tomorrow getting together with agencies to get updates on surveys and let them know what we've been doing in terms of crossing improvements and how we are utilizing innovations.

**Education Committee** – *John Starrett, chair – The Education Committee met on February 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss training plans for this spring.*

SIC training plans for 2017:

- Temp Stream Crossing/bridgemat construction – Dyer Brook in May
- MFS funding dependent, we will offer more bridgemat const workshops throughout the year.
- “Stream Crossing Restoration Techniques Workshop” on April 13 and 14
  - Cosponsored with Project Share
- State of the Industry at CLP recerts – April/May
- Migrant Labor Safety Tr. Presque Isle in June
- BMP training in Livermore Falls in June
- Road Const/Maint wkshp pilot June
- Naraguagus arch culvert install – August
- Harvesting to meet LO objectives general admission programs
- Climate change opportunities – Si Balch – general admission in the midcoast, downeast and Arroostook regions.
- Visual impacts of heavy harvesting – we are available to deliver this program upon request.
- Over two years we will offer 10 workshops related to “What will my woodlot look like?”

**Honor and Integrity Committee** – Dale Carrier, chair – *there have been no calls since the last meeting.*

#### **Updates from other organizations present**

**Maine Tree – teachers tours 20<sup>th</sup> year.** Please spread the word. These tours are still very inexpensive at \$750/teacher for the week. We will be at the Birches Resort on Moosehead Lake July 11-14<sup>th</sup> and at Camp Wapati on the road to Davis Pond July 25-28<sup>th</sup>

**CLP** -- Mike St. Peter – We have some good news- workers comp rate make an adjustment the first of May. For CLP mechanical category is going down 17%. Trucking rate is going down 2%. Conventional rate is going up 4%. The pool is so small that could be one injury.

We will have 30 recertification sessions statewide. We are offering them in French as well. Some topics included are “forestry for the birds” and “efficiencies in operations”. Tom Gilbert will provide the BMP sessions.

**MFS** -- Tom Gilbert – we are updating the BMP manual with more emphasis on the stream smart principles. Stream crossing surveys are being conducted by interns we are hiring.

**Master logger** – Ted Wright – We are being recertified to the Smartwood Smart Logging Standard. We are also preparing for the PLC safety training in 8 locations. We are also stepping up our efforts to reach to small woodlot owners to offer harvesting services.

**SIC Adjournment** – Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.