

Draft SIC Minutes

March 21th, 2018
MFPC Headquarters
Augusta ME

1:00 PM . 4:00 PM

In attendance:

Mike St. Peter	CLP/Hilton T.	Pat Maloney	PLT
Donald Mansius	MFS	Elizabeth Farrell	AFM
Jeremy Miller	P&C	Tim Richards	Louisiana Pacific
John Starrett	Sappi	Pat Sirois	SFI
Scott Pease	Hancock Lumber	Jan Santerre	MFS
Mike Markevich	Verso Paper	Kenny Fergusson	Huber Resources
Eric Charles	WP LLC	Nathan Kay	7 Islands
Ben Dow	Weyerhaeuser	Tom Gilbert	MFS
Scott Joachim	KFM	Ted Wright	MLC
Ryan Robicheau	ME IF&W	Dave Griswold	Retired
Kevin McCarthy	Retired	Dale Currier	LP
Patrick Ward	LP	Dave Harvey	Catalyst Paper

Call to Order . Tim Richards called the meeting to order.

Welcome and Introductions . Tim welcomed the group and initiated introductions.

Anti-Trust Statement . Pat Sirois read the anti-trust statement and circulated the attendees signup sheet.

Approval of minutes from the 12/6/17 SIC meeting . Tim Richards requested a motion to approve the 12/6/17 SIC minutes. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report . Dave Griswold reported on the financial activities through the end of February. Expenses are tracking where you would expect to this point. MAW and Migrant Labor trainings will be pass throughs. We are projected to grow the unrestricted funds. We do have a decision to make whether to pay the truck off or continue with a loan. We can make a decision in June when we know what the revenues are. If there are people that haven't initiated the process to pay the dues, please do that soon. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.

Putting an Ear to the Ground: Monitoring the Impacts of Climate Change on Working Forests – Jennifer Hushaw . Manoment presentation

2016-17 BMP Monitoring Report . Tom Gilbert provided the latest BMP monitoring report. There was a slight backslide in BMP compliance since the previous report.

Outreach Committee . Scott Pease, chair reported:

Maine Science Fair in Bangor . Saturday, March 17th . Flume table presentation with NOAA . over 5000 people attended.

Pat and Tom Gilbert are presenting ME Sustainability and Water Conference March 29th

Pat is working with Sarah Medina and Girl Scouts at the Maine Earth Day event at Beans on Saturday, April 21st.

Children's Water Festival on May 18th.

MAW project . this year's project is for a 13 year old girl. Her wish is for a ~~the~~ shack+. The goal is to deliver this wish by the end of June.

We will have two articles in the North Maine Woods brochure coming out next month.

One on the SIC and another on FIN.

SIC progress report is currently being developed by Pat and Roberta.

Healthy Forest Program . Jan Santerre . What will my woodlot look like will be completed by the end of the year. This is the side by side pictures and observations publication with a variety of harvest outcomes aimed to give new landowners a sense of the degree of changes associated with a harvest.

Education Committee . John Starrett, chair reported:

Training so far this year

Co-sponsored **Stream Simulation** workshop with Share in Bangor on Jan 18th & 19th.

Training Planned in 2018:

Wood measurement training workshop May 3rd and 4th is full with a waiting list for another session.

New Road Construction/Rehab workshop

May 1st . Roger Ryder and Al Beeson will present the new Road Const/Rehab workshop to the MFS District Foresters. Goal: get them familiar with the program and encourage them to help with instruction and eventually become the primary instructors.

May . workshops for Landowners' staff and contractors on Road Const/Rehab. (some landowners have already committed to conducting training but still working out dates.)

We expect to do at least three sessions this spring.

BMP LvL 1 workshop . we're looking for Mill sponsors for general admission programs. Pat will be in touch. We would like to do at least two sessions this spring. We intend to offer one of the programs in 2018 at the UMO BMP demonstration site. Also on the same day that we introduce the Road construction workshop to the MFS we will introduce updated BMP LvL I training as well.

Auburn BMP session . cosponsor . Lewiston Auburn community forest board . May 24th. Audience . Community board, Conservation Commission and abutting landowners.

Migrant Labor Safety Training in Presque Isle. -- June

UMO . BMP demonstration site . we will be working with Keith Kanoti to help rehabilitate the BMP demonstration that was constructed 15 years ago with help from the SIC.

Stream Smart Training, August in Standish -- cosponsor SWOAM with focus two stream crossing upgrades land trust property.

Project Learning Tree Update . Pat Maloney, PLT . we had a meeting in February in Kieve to talk about PLT. Pat Sirois spoke to the group about the SIC. We also heard from PLT national that we can take lesson plans off line now which is new. We talked about blending online units with paper units so that we don't lose that personal connection. We have created the FIG program so that kids can compare changes in their woods over time from one year to the next. This is all based on the FIA protocol. We have the summer teachers tours coming up. Each tour will visit an active harvest. This year we will plan to visit SAPPI, Woodland Pulp and Hancock lumber.

Wildlife Committee . Nathan Kay, chair- the committee met on January 22nd. We discussed a NAFO partnership with MFPC on issues related to the Canada lynx and wood turtles. Henning Stabins will be the primary Maine contact. Tricolored bat . petition to list the bat as endangered. Nathan has written comments to submit that say logging is not the cause of the decline.

We discussed establishing a new UAV Technical committee. We would like to meet by the end of May to discuss barriers to being able to use UAVs in forestry without the current regulatory limitations.

Big Game management plan . at editors then reviewed by the steering committee for the last go over.

Honor and Integrity Committee . Dale Currier, chair

SFI Hotline Activity – We had one call on BMPs where the contractor relocated trails to avoid stream crossing issues. These recommendations to the contractor came from the MFS although it was determined that the involvement by SFI helped influence the situation.

We had two calls related to posted roads being hauled on at night when the temperature was well above freezing. In both calls we suggested the caller contact the state police. We know in at least one case the state police did get involved.

SFI Inc. activities and annual reporting. Pat Sirois reminded ME PP that the annual reporting to SFI Inc. is due at the end of March as is the report from the SIC which is Pat's responsibility.

Regional SIC meeting is on May 8th in Concord NH. All PP are welcome to attend. Please let me know if you are going to attend. You should also respond to Gordy Mow with SFI Inc.

I've been asked to serve on SFI SIC Governance Revision Task Force. If you have any suggestions you would like to have brought forward, please let me know. Our first meeting is a conference call this Friday.

I've also been asked by Kathy Abusow to serve on a group looking at the SFI Brand Repositioning Efforts.

SIC Executive Committee vacancies – Pat Sirois - Kip Nichols with 7 Islands has indicated in the near term, he will be unable to serve on the Executive Committee along

with Tony Lyons of Catalyst Paper, who has recently retired. Since the Executive committee assignments are to individuals and not companies, we will need to seek out new potential members to serve. The Executive committee will serve as the nominating committee. If there are any SIC members whom are also Program Participants that have an interest in serving, please let one of us know. We will have a slate of new members to vote on in June.

Updates from other organizations present SIC Adjournment

Maine Tree . Henry Whittemore, the new Maine Tree Executive Director is working with the board on a strategy to revitalize MT. Education and research is of particular importance to Maine Tree.

CLP . we have 4 advertised classes. Weve plan for another class in Aroostook County in June. Registrations have been slow so if you know of some of your suppliers that need training, send them our way. Because of the weather, people are probably harvesting where they couldnd a few weeks ago due to the warm weather. Mike St. Peter would like to join the technical committee on the discussion on drones.

We currently have 1522 current CLPs.

TCNEF -- Ted Wright reported MLC had certified ten new logging companies, 9 in Maine and 1 in NY. TCNEF is taking over the marketing for MLC nationally. We are going to be doing the marketing for all programs. We did hire a coordinator to help us with this project.

Ryan Robishaw . weve hired Dave Shibbat to help Rick with the landowner relations program.. The department is going to update the breeding bird atlas. If you and your staff have interest in participating, please let us know.

Hearing no further business the meeting was adjourned.

SIC Minutes

June 6th, 2018
204 Nutting Hall
Orono, ME

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

In attendance:

Mike St. Peter	CLP/Hilton T.	Scott MacDougal	Irving
Henry Whittemore	ME Tree	Elizabeth Farrell	AFM
Micheal Treat	P&C	Tim Richards	Unaffiliated
John Starrett	Sappi	Pat Sirois	SFI
Scott Pease	Hancock Lumber	Jan Santerre	MFS
Mike Markevich	Verso Paper	Kenny Fergusson	Huber Resources
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Call to Order – Tim Richards called meeting to order.

Welcome and Introductions – Tim Richards welcome the group and initiated introductions.

Anti-Trust Statement – Pat Sirois read the antitrust statement and circulated the attendance sheet.

Approval of minutes from the 3/21/18 SIC meeting – Tim Richards requested a motion to accept the March 21st SIC minutes as written. Mention was made that Henry Whittemore was present at the March meeting but not listed in the minutes. A motion was made, seconded and approved the minutes as amended adding Henry to the attendees list. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Griswold reported that dues are coming in as expected and expenses are tracking as expected as well. The Executive Committee has discussed options regarding the new truck loan. We have the option to pay it off but that will reduce unrestricted funds to a level that could be problematic should we experience an unexpected contraction of the SIC dues base. The recommendation from the Executive Committee is to pay additional principal on the monthly payment at a rate that would pay off the loan a year early. In a year we can re-evaluate the situation and decide then to pay it off in its entirety. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report including the decision to pay extra on the truck payments as suggested. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers – Pat reported that we find ourselves at the time was significant change in the SIC's leadership. The last meeting I reported that we needed to find replacements for Kip Nichols and Tony Lyons on the executive committee. Since then, we also learned that Tim Richards will be stepping down as chair of the SIC due to his change in employment as well. The Executive committee met on May 29th and recruited a new slate of officers to be voted on at today's meeting. The Executive committee acting as nominating committee is putting forth following slate of officer; Mike Markevich as treasurer, Dale Currier as chair of the SIC and Ben Dow as vice chair of the SIC. We will still have more slots to fill in the near term but this is where we are at this point.

We have reviewed your SIC bylaws and have determined that this point John Starrett's departure from SAPPI does not prevent him from continuing to serve as chair of the Education committee.

We still have opportunities for members at large on the executive committee, should anyone be interested in serving.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of officers for the remainder of this year and two years additional from that time. The motion carried unanimously.

SFI Regional Meeting Update – Pat Sirois reported that the meeting was over Concord New Hampshire on May 8. The group was relatively small considering it was an accumulation of all the SIC's in the Northeast including New York and Pennsylvania. We were well represented from Maine with, Tim Richards, Chris Fife with Weyerhaeuser, Mike St. Peter and myself present.

Significant time was spent with SFI Inc. articulating their plans for next year. They are embarking on a five-year strategic planning effort which will occur at the board level.

They are piloting a small land certification module. Jason Metnick sent an email out yesterday to offer clarifications on many questions associated with this new module.

At the last meeting I spoke about a process to update the memorandum of understanding between us if I Inc. and SIC's. The process is ongoing and you will be hearing more about the draft recommendations in time.

The SFI standards review process has been pushed off until 2019 to better align with PEFC revision processes.

CFRU Long-term research project at Weymouth Point – Josh Puhlick soils research to inform SFI forest management standards. We've received an SFI conservation grant to do this work. We were one of five organisations across the US and Canada to get one of these grants. We will be looking at carbon storage in soils. We received 90 thousand dollars which about 30% of what we requested from SFI. CFRU awarded us 64,000 over a three year period. With that additional amount we will be able to look at soils in 6 locations across the state. This summer on JDI and 7 Islands on northern hardwood sites. The other installations haven't been chosen yet. There are a couple soil sites on AFM. If you attending the soil productivity workshop in the next couple days you will see a couple of those soils pits. The AFM installation was cut last year.

If the SIC would agree to be a formal partner, it would be beneficial to the effort. It should have benefits for the SIC to get some press from SFI from you involvement. We are asking folks to review the results through a committee. We would welcome you to participate. This would take place at the end of the project likely 3 years out. We will be looking at carbon storage across the

various treatments as well as nutrient depletions across the treatments over time. We are going to try to collect measurement within trails – soils compactions.

A motion was made and seconded to sign on as a partner in this effort. The motion carried unanimously.

Outreach Committee – Scott Pease, chair reported that since the last meeting the SIC has participated in several events:

March 29 – Pat and Tom Gilbert gave presentations on BMP compliance and education efforts associated with BMPs.

April 21 – the SIC teamed up with PLT with adjoining booths at the Girl Scouts sustainability day at LL Beans.

April 27 – the SIC partnering with the region II vocational logging program, had a booth at the Lake region’s agricultural the in Naples.

May 18 – partnering with the MFS we presented at the children’s water Festival at University of Southern Maine for several hundred forth, fifth and sixth graders.

Make-A-Wish – we will begin construction of a 10’ x 16’ structure for a 13-year-old girl in Newcastle Maine. Pat has circulated a doodle poll for those wishing to help out with the construction. To this point we have raised \$3600 which is again very generous. This amount is seven hundred dollars less than we had last year at this time but that may be okay since we are only granting one wish this year. There is still opportunity to contribute financially or participate in the construction. Just let Pat know. The reveal is scheduled for Monday, June 25.

Progress Report - is in the process of being developed.

North Maine Woods Magazine – article on Barry Burgason, another on the SIC and finally an article on the fisheries improvement network (FIN).

Healthy Forest Program – Jan Santerre reported our goal to close out the SFI project on “what will my wood look like?”.

Education Committee – John Starrett, chair reported on training events so far this spring:

May 1st – Roads construction and rehabilitation workshop for Maine forest service foresters. The goal here was to introduce Maine forest service staff to the training program in hopes that they would eventually become trainers.

May 3rd & 4th -- approved wood measurement training -- organized and delivered by the University of Maine. The SIC was a cosponsor.

May 11 – Dillon contractor training in Livermore – cosponsoring partners included CLP and MFS. Roughly 30 contractors attended.

May 17 – Weyerhaeuser Roads Construction and Rehab Workshop in Bingham.

May 23 – SAPPi aesthetics training in Topsham – Andy Shultz led.

May 31 – LandVest Roads training -- Ashland

June 1st – BMP training for LandVest contractors in Clayton Lake

Upcoming training

This Saturday and Sunday – Migrant labor Safety training in Presque Isle. We are expecting around 70 participants.

June 29 – 7 Islands Road Rehab and construction training in Ashland.

Project Learning Tree Update – Pat Sirois reported on behalf of Pat Maloney.

The Green ME Up event is one that I’m sure you will talk about. National PLT & SFI both were VERY excited to hear about the event and how well SFI and PLT worked together. I’m sure that I’ll be talking with Kathy Abusow next week about how to work with the GS of ME. As you know,

Sarah Medina has announced her retirement plans to get this relationship solidly built. National PLT will work with Sarah & MEPLT in the coming months to assist our efforts.

Susan Linscott, Lee Academy science teacher and Envirothon coach, brought her team to the finals on May 25 where they came in first place in Forestry and one of Susan's students, Cole Harriman, got the Envirothon-UMO forestry scholarship for \$2000. Susan is an outstanding teacher & PLT facilitator who has been recognized as an Honoree for the Leadership in Education National PLT 2018 Award. I'll accept the award for her in Cody next week since she is unable to join me.

Thanks to Nathan Kay, I had a small exhibit at the Rangeley Career Fair and enjoyed meeting his colleague, Walker Day, who had a Seven Islands exhibit that included a drone. Students were attracted to that! It made me realize that MEPLT should put together a Natural Resources/Foresters PLT workshop. I'm working with Tree Farm to put this together - we would take that time to learn about some of the technology that is being used in the Maine woods and how to bring such information to teacher workshops - filtering down to students!

If possible, it would be great if you would share a few words about the need to involve more foresters with PLT - as PLT workshop facilitators, school or forest field day presenters, resource advisers, and more. I make every effort to limit the # of hrs and "asks" of foresters with respect for their time.

Wildlife Committee – Nathan Kay, chair submitted comment on Big Game action plan. One issue that they didn't focus on was deer feeding and collisions. Also Moose browse. FIN meeting is taking place June 13th at the MPFC office in Augusta.

Honor and Integrity Committee – Dale Carrier, chair -- per reported there were three calls since the last meeting. One call was a regulatory issue with a clear-cut of 5 acres inside the streamside buffer. In fact everything was cut up to the stream.

Another call was associated with a stream crossing built last winter that has failed completely.

Last call, was a property of about 30 acres with five streams that were traversed during harvest operations. The damage was so extensive that it will take an engineering firm to design a process to re-establish stream corridors. The mud running from this law crossed adjacent properties to eventually reach a Atlantic salmon bearing stream where hatcheries had recently placed eggs. This will surely get more attention as the federal agencies get involved. The landowner has until next Monday to develop a plan for restoration. It's not likely you will help them and as a result federal agencies left to step into corrective situation because of the ongoing risk.

Updates from other organizations present

Northeast Master Logger Program – Ted reported 1000 loggers had attended their series of spring training sessions. There are 8 new applicants for Master Logger Certification and 23 recertifications scheduled for this summer.

The American Loggers Council has asked Northeast Master Logger to lead a nationwide campaign on the promotion of MLC.

Certified Logging Professionals (CLP) -- Mike reported the numbers are down a little bit with 55 new folks receiving full initial certification. We are expecting over 400 recertifications this summer.

We have received a grant from NELA for a UAV and intend to do training sessions this coming fall.

Maine Tree – Henry Whittemore reported he’s been on the job a short time but is excited to prospects. We are going through a process of evaluating programs we have and determining how we want to move forward. One element we want to grow is the research component and we think there are some unique opportunities with the Holt research forest in Arrowsic.

Adjournment – Hearing no further business the meeting was adjourned.

SIC Minutes

September 5th, 2018
MFPC Headquarters
Augusta ME

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

In attendance:

Mike St. Peter	CLP/Hilton T.	Scott MacDougal	Irving
Henry Whittemore	ME Tree	Elizabeth Farrell	AFM
John Starrett	Sappi	Pat Sirois	SFI
Scott Pease	Hancock Lumber	Jan Santerre	MFS
Mike Markevich	Verso Paper	Kenny Fergusson	Huber Resources
Tom Charles	BPL	Pat Maloney	PLT
Kevin Topolniski	KFM	Ted Wright	MLC
Dan Simonds	Mixedwood LLC	Dale Currier	LP
Don Mansius	MFS	Dana Doran	PLC of ME
Bill Kimball	ReEnergy	Gordon Gamble	Wagner
Dave Griswold	Retired	Dave Harvey	ND Paper
Dan Pelletier	Huber Engineered	Eugene Mahar	LandVest
Ben Dow	Weyerhaeuser	Erik Charles	Woodland Pulp
Don Cameron	MNAP	Ron LaVaglio	
Doug Denico	MFS	Andy Shultz	

Call to order – Dale Currier called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Welcome and introductions – Dale welcomed the committee and initiated introductions.

Agenda adjustments – Dale Currier—move up “what will my woods look like” in the agenda so that Andy Shultz can participate.

Anti-Trust Statement – Pat Sirois read the anti trust statement and circulated the anti trust/attendance sheet.

Approval of minutes from the 6/6/18 SIC meeting – Dale asked for a motion to accept the 6/6/18 minutes as written. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s report – Mike Markevich reported that operating expenses are flat as expected to this point. There is minor variations in office supplies and education expenses. The next slight deviation is in software and computer. The salary line is a little down because Sue is down one day from previous years. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer’s report. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed 2019 SIC Budget – The Executive Committee met to build and recommend a proposed budget for 2019. We have been paying extra on the vehicle which will result in having it paid off a year early. We are budgeting for a new computer. There is also 3% increase in salaries budgeted for 2019. Salary benefits are established by the MFPC with a flat pass

through down to the SIC. Because of SFI Inc's recruiting reimbursement is projected to be significantly less in 2019 and with the potential for some industry downturns and uncertainty in the markets, the Executive Committee is recommending a 5% increase in dues for 2019. Tom Charles noted an error in the Excel Budget sheet resulting in approximately 3 thousand dollars less in the end of year projections. Acknowledging the error, a motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as amended to correct the end of year projections, and with a 5% increase in SIC dues for 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

SIC Executive committee vacancies – Pat reported, to continue to fill new vacancies on the Executive committee, the Executive committee, acting as a nominating committee is putting the following slate of names forward to be nominated to the Executive committee. Steve Pinkham with ND paper and Nathan Kay, current chair of the Wildlife committee have agreed to serve on the executive committee should they be voted in. In addition, as a result of Dale taking on the role of SIC Chair, there is a role to fill as honor and integrity chair which Kenny Ferguson has agreed to fill. Scott Pease has agreed to continue to serve as Public Outreach chair for the time being, despite his pending retirement at the end of this week. As is the case with John Starrett and the Education committee, our bylaws permit them to participate in this capacity. With that said, at some point, I am sure they will be willing to relinquish those post to other SIC enthusiast. With the transition complete of Mike Markevich as treasurer, Dave's interim role as, assistant to the treasurer is extinguished. A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of new Executive Committee members. The motion passed unanimously.

SFI Inc. current projects, plans and status – *Pat Sirois*

Over the summer, SFI Inc. initiated a process to streamline the SIC governance and MOU document between SICs and SFI Inc. I've served on that committee on behalf of the Northeast. The changes made to this point aren't substantive in terms of roles and responsibilities for SICs. Mostly it's been about simplifying the documents. This is a living document for the time being but could see additional changes once the new SFI standard is adopted. The standard revision process will begin in the summer of 2019, which is essentially a delay of two years to match up with the PEFC standards revision process. That means the implementation year will be 2020. The third possible influence on the SIC's role is that SFI Inc. has started a 5 year strategic planning process. That process will roll out it's final product at the SFI annual meeting in the fall of 2019.

Project Learning Tree update – Pat Maloney reported there have been upgrades in PLT in terms of technology. There are more E-units on line.

I am making a plea for more foresters to help with PLT workshops for teachers. To help prepare foresters for that role, we are planning to offer a workshop, hopefully in December.

The teachers tours in Bailey Ville and Poland Springs were really well. We couldn't do them without the forester's involvement. Teachers were impressed with all the presentations.

ME PLT has a strategic plan and is in the process of updating it for the next 3 years. Our intention it to have it completed by the end of this year.

This spring we will be working with the Girls Scouts again at an event on sustainability at the LL Beans store in Freeport.

Outreach committee – *Scott Pease, chair*

The Outreach committee met on August 21st.

In addition to the following events we discussed at great length how SFI and PLT can merge outreach efforts. The fact that ME Tree and PLT are moving into the building at the end of the month will provide greater opportunities to leverage each others programs.

Although the Make a Wish project was a great success we think it would be worth investigating another projects. John Starrett explained we are being approached by Camp CaPella to help with the upgrade and construction of their new camps. This is a similar organization as Pine Tree Camps with a similar mission to help people with disabilities. Pat and John will meet with the folks to learn more.

Outreach efforts since last meeting in June:

- a. Water festival USM – 800 4th, 5th and 6th graders
- b. Trout Unlimited – summer camp presentation in Solon to a group of 15 high school age students.
- c. Make a Wish – project completed – Pat show video
- d. 2018 Progress report and accompanying letter to municipalities
- e. Steve Koenig’s use of SFI time to match US Forest
- f. Service funds for woody addition projects. Steve will develop some materials to hand out.
- g. Jan Santerre “What will my Woods Look Like?”
- h. LEA received SFI grant for community outreach – Pat showed some images of signage along trails in the demonstration forest in Bridgeton that specifically referenced SFI.

Fall and future plans

- a. Tree Farm Field Day September 8th
- b. MSA show – Oct 19th-21st. we need help
- c. NELA board meeting in Old Forge
- d. MFPC Annual Meeting
- e. Sabasticook Land Trust meeting Stream Smart Presentation November 14th
- f. Mike Thurlow – Make-a-Wish Run in December in Millinocket
- g. NERCOFE presentation on stream connectivity progress in 2019

Education committee – *John Starrett, chair*

Training efforts since last meeting – All

- a. Migrant labor safety training
- b. 7 Islands Road reconstruction and rehab workshop
- c. H2MLOG training in Lyman July 20th

Training this fall

- a. September 14 Oak workshop Holt Forest
- b. Oct 3rd Dyer Brook High school students BMP & Water Bar Instruction
- c. Auburn BMP workshop October 4th
- d. BMP in Houlton Oct 24th
- e. Scaling class Oct 25th and 26th
- f. UMO students BMP and Bridge mat Construction workshop – not yet scheduled
- g. Strm smrt video development of Standish Strm Smart project – Next week.

Programs for next year

- a. Continue “Roads Const & Rehab” workshop for SFI Los
- b. Deliver small lands version sponsored by consuming mills

- c. BMP LVL 1 retooled and delivered to contractors and suppliers
- d. Grader Training – in process of organizing – How many landowners might be interested in sending folks?

ME's CLP update – Mike St. Peter gave a program summary. We have certified 63 people for initial training so far this year. That number is down from 126 last year. Recertifications are down as well. We usually get roughly 100 people in the fall and we are recouping some by virtue of SFI policies. If you look at the certs, the conventional loggers taking up the majority of seats in the classes.

Wildlife committee – Pat reported on behalf of Nathan Kay, that the fisheries improvement network met for an all-day meeting on June 13. It was a productive meeting with topics such as species and habitat assessment updates including wood turtles. We also received updates on road stream crossing surveys. It's amazing to have learned that by the end of this summer, nearly the entire state of Maine will have had its culverts surveyed including those of private forest landowners. Also made clear in the meeting is the continued leadership by the SF I landowners on barrier removals. Finally, there was a lot of discussion on large woody additions which seems to have been a practice that is largely underutilized to this point.

Anna Harris at the USFWS is in the process of scheduling a conference call to discuss the delisting process of the Canada Lynx. Once a date is set, this will be passed along. If anyone has any questions or comments they would like communicated with the FWS, I will bring those up in the conference call. The details and a synopsis will be provided after call.#

Honor and Integrity committee – *Pat Sirois*

Calls since the last meeting:

Two calls were received that dealt with BMPs. In both cases the response by the SFI PP was excellent and the outcome of the calls appreciated by the callers.

A third call involved a landowner that is really upset with the outcome of the harvest managed by a forester. They were absentee landowners that left for Florida when the harvest began and came back afterwards to find that the outcome was not at all what was promised. The work conducted was not at all consistent with management plan that had been developed by the same forester.

The 4th call made a general complaint about harvesting in their town by one specific contractor. No action was initiated. The caller appreciated having someone listen to their perspective. I continue to suggest landowners utilize the Harvest Satisfaction Survey to document their thoughts.

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Treasurer’s report – Mike Markevich reported that expenses are tracking very close to what was projected. Dues and revenue have all come in and are in line with what we’ve projected. The big ticket items are the training and education which are important items for the SIC. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion carried unanimously.

Local Wood WORKS – *Theresa Kerchner, Sue Bell gave a presentation on LWW.* Since 2013, Local Wood WORKS partners and supporters have been building on the success of the local food movement. We use the term “local” in a broad sense, (e.g., Maine, New

England, New York, the Maritimes). Our partners and supporters are committed to sustainable forestry, strong and resilient local economies, conservation of both working woodlands and ecological reserves, reduced energy consumption and transportation costs based on local products, and providing support to landowners, loggers, processors, manufacturers, and consumers.

Camp CaPella - request for assistance – *Harvey Chesley gave presentation on the mission and programs at Camp CaPella. They are in the process of constructing some new facilities and would like the SIC members to consider donations of building materials and or funding support.*

SFI Small Lands Group Certification Module – Pat Sirois reported that the small lands group certification module that SF I developed a couple years ago is being considered by PEFC. To that end, PEFC requires that this module be subjected to a 60 day public comment period. That public comment window will close on January 17, 2019. I will likely be serving on the small lands working group that will review the comments to be incorporated into this new module. There are some SFI participants that will be piloting this module later this year. It's not clear how the learnings from the pilots will be incorporated into the final version of the module.

Project Learning Tree update – Pat Maloney, informed the group that we have added two people to the steering committee. Kaley Higgins professor at Unity and Jill Brigham from Unity College as well. The workshop we had scheduled for next week has been rescheduled to January 9th due to lack of registration. That workshop is geared towards foresters and loggers. We will have an April workshop in China with the girl scouts. If you should here of a workshop in your region please take the time to help out.

Outreach committee – Scott Pease reported that there have been no outreach meetings since the last SIC meeting. Scott passed out a summary of the years outreach activities. We have published the SIC progress report in a copy has been sent every municipality in the state. At some point after the first of the year when the MFPC organizes an event to meet with new legislators, we will share the progress report with all legislators in the House and Senate. It also will be distributed throughout the administration to appropriate agency heads.

Education committee – John Starrett passed out a summary of the educational activities for 2018. Our next significant project will be to redevelop a grader training program that can be offered the summer of 2019. Hue Hamley, who previously presented this program has health issues and no longer is doing in instructing. He has shared his training materials with us and we will be reviewing those materials and attempting to provide a program similar to what he provided a few years back. We should have a good handle on what that will look like by the March SIC meeting.

Wildlife committee – Nathan Kay, reported Canada lynx At Risk Species Team met September 19, 2018

Nathan Kay- 7 Islands/MFPC

Pat Strauch – MFPC

Scot Williamson – WMI

Mark Berry – TNC

Mark Scott, Kim – VT Dept Fish and Game

Jim Connolly, Judy Camuso, Jen Vashon – Maine Inland Fish and Wildlife

John Gilbert- Irving

Tom LaPointe, Ken Elowe, Anna Harris – USFWS

- 2008 Maine Conservation Partnership agreement:

Pat Strauch and Ken Elowe provided the history and context to the agreement; MFPC played a pivotal role; briefings occurred with USFWS and DOI at all levels; unfortunately this effort was ahead of its time; ultimately the agreement didn't play out as planned because of the listing and critical habitat designation.

- USFWS process and next steps for the delisting recommendation:

Managed out of USFWS Montana Field Office; calls with states and tribal partners have occurred. Next steps in this effort include a post delisting monitoring plan and a proposed rule to delist the lynx DPS. The Service aims to complete these by September, 2019; these efforts will be subject to peer and public review and we are aiming to complete the final documents by September, 2020.

- Continuity of the team:

Mid-December meeting with MFPC;

- extend the invitation to landowners outside of MFPC as well as NGOs (TNC) as well as some of the large land trusts
- Idea is to share information on the lynx delisting recommendation, recovery/success stories in Maine, current and ongoing lynx research, pitch for participation in this effort and other topics

One idea is to look at the FIN (Fisheries Improvement Network) as a template for this group.

The format of the at-risk species lynx team will continue to evolve and thanks again to everyone who participated

Nathan indicated we would have a wildlife committee meeting on December 13th at the MFPC office. Anna Harris, with the US Fish and Wildlife Service will meet with us on the process for delisting the Canadian lynx. Jennifer Vachon with Maine's IFNW will be there to discuss cooperative research opportunities. And lastly John Gilbert with JD Irving will give us an update on the deer wintering areas study and most study going on.

Honor and Integrity committee – Pat Sirois reported that there had been two calls since the last SIC meeting.

- One call was related issues with putting mud in the road. The SF I goal process was initiated and the problem was corrected to the satisfaction of the call.
- Call was received regarding problems stemming from truck traffic on Forest management roles during an extremely wet period of time. Was the issue identify the trucking was halted.
- Lastly you remember at the last SIC meeting I reported on a call where an absentee landowner had their land harvested and the results were significantly different than what they are management plan and Forrester had planned. I talked about how the landowner had received mill slips to document with it been harvested and taken to market. Since then the Forrester has met with a landowner, it is my understanding that the landowner is happier with that element of the harvest although I am unclear on whether anything has been remediated in terms of how the lot looked, which was great concern for this landowner. But there has been some progress for that particular caller.

SFI ational Conference update – Pat Sirois reported this to the conference we're than introduction to some of the new board members. Most notably to us would be Jim Irving is a recent addition. Jaime Yraguen, who is president of the Association of Oregon loggers has

joined the board. This is significant as we have had a logger on the SFI board for a couple years.

Program was quite diverse in that it touched on new technologies for use in forestry and supply chain tracking. Focused on conservation impacts and is applied chain in the value of those conservation measures. There was a panel on green building innovations in mass timber as well as emerging opportunities with off-site construction. There was a gentleman by the name of Gerald McCaughey who presented a system that he had invented that enabled him to prefabricated house in a manner of if you hours and then construct that home in four hours with four men and a crane. He was quite critical of lumber from North America or as it created problems when utilized in his system.

South Carolina won the outstanding achievement award for an SIC.

There was an SIC committee general session that I think was really the beginning of the strategic planning process that SF I is undertaking in the next year. I mentioned this at the last meeting that SF I is the process of the five-year plan and there was a lot of discussion on what the SIC's look like today and what they may look like in the future.

The conference attendee breakdown was as follows;

- 36% SF I program participants
- 24% conservation or community organizations
- 27% customer, students and certification bodies
- 18% government officials
- 6% researchers and academics

The next SFI conference in 2019 will be in Virginia.

Updates from other organizations present

'Keith Kanoti reported that the University for the first time this spring, we will be offering a one credit elective course on forest certification. There is a thought to try and make this an online program in time. Part of the marketing is to service foresters already in the industry that want to learn more on certification.

Shane O'Neil – We are working on a system to develop soft skills with students and the industry. We want to hear from the industry about what they want for skill sets. We also want to try and link this to k-12 so we would want to work with PLT.

Don Mansius – we are in the process filling the regional enforcement coordinator, entomologist and biometrician positions.

Ted Wright– MLC Certification Board is meeting to review new certs and old certs.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.