

## **MASE Board Meeting Minutes**

March 31, 2009

Augusta, ME

3:00 PM

### **Attending:**

Dave Marceau, Ex Officio  
Ken Stratton, President  
Gary Fullerton, Vice President  
Richard Green, Secretary  
Bill O'Connor, Treasurer

Amy Jones, Director  
Dale Knapp, Director  
Dan Locke, Director  
Doug Coombs, State Site Evaluator

### **Minutes from February Annual Meeting**

The amended minutes were approved. The amendment was that the members did not ask the board to send a letter of any kind on the wetland certification issue at this time. The issue is moving forward and we will have the opportunity to consider our position when the details are clearer.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The report dated April 1, 2009 was approved. It will be put on the website.

### **Annual Meeting**

The meeting was a success. There were no parking issues this year. We would be willing to return there next year. Some members would like to move the meeting further south. Ken will check prices of the Civic Center. The Ramada Inn in Lewiston is another possible location. Doug attended a convention of the Granite State Installers who received funding from a professional wastewater organization and suggested that we may want to seek similar funding. The price charged worked out just about right to cover costs.

### **Website**

Richard has extensively updated the website and the board thanked him for the effort. He will be trying to keep it up to date and include more photos, financial reports, and possibly paid advertising. He will put a test advertising page together for the board to consider. The newsletter will be put out twice during the year.

### **Refund Policy**

It was moved and seconded that the board will set a deadline based on the annual meeting schedule, and no refunds will be allowed after that date. Approved.

### **Code Changes**

Final changes have been sent to the Division Director and Attorney General for review. Most of the task force recommendations were included in the final recommended rule.

### **Changes to the Site law**

Darryl Brown is hot on this issue. The changes will restrict development in towns that don't have an approved comprehensive plan. Darryl has presented workshops at his own expense to publicize the impacts of the legislation. LD 1268. It was recommended that MASE board and members contact their representatives in opposition and that we try to organize a large turnout when they hold a public hearing. It was voted and approved that Ken would draft a letter to the Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee of the state legislature opposing the legislation. He would like input from board members on issues to discuss. We will get a copy of the power point presentation from Darryl and post it on the web site to make members aware of the issue.

**Right of Access**

Site Evaluators have no right of entry on abutter's property; land surveyors do. Dan will contact Thomas Saviello and find out possibilities of instigating a bill on our behalf.

**Summer Training Session**

There is a summer session on wetland delineation on September 9 at Reid State Park. This is a MAPSS event. The flyer also presents the workshop as being training for soil test pit evaluations in the 9"-12" range based on the new rules, but since it will be presented in the context of soil scientist, this part will be de-emphasized in the flyer.

**Education and Training**

The Fairfield site has been looked at as a training site for 9-12" soils evaluation. But the annual field day may be scheduled during August, and so that may be combined with this training. The Eljen money may be used for this training. Richard and Bill offered to help with education and training issues.

**The Board posed for glamour photos to be put on the web site. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.**

**Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3.**