

MASE Board Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2008

Augusta, ME

3:00 PM

Attending:

Dave Marceau, President

Ken Stratton, Vice President

Richard Green, Secretary

Gary Fullerton, Treasurer

Bill O'Connor, Director

Dan Locke, Director

Dale Knapp, Director

Clough Toppan, Legislative Committee

Doug Coombs, State Site Evaluator

Russ Martin, Director, DEH/Wastewater and
Plumbing Control Program

Treasurer's Report

Gary Fullerton provided us with a current treasurer's report which showed assets of \$20,938.61 as of June 17, 2008. Cash on hand is \$7,785.57.

The need for a budget was questioned. In order to comply with non-profit status rules, a budget may be needed. Gary will prepare a draft budget.

Moved and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Approved unanimously.

It was moved and seconded to take the Legislative items from Clough Toppan out of order. Approved unanimously.

Legislative Committee Report

Judy Harvie compiles and summarizes legislative issues for the Engineers and Architects professional organizations. Affiliate organizations can come under this umbrella at a lower cost. The cost is \$700 per year. She prepares weekly and quarterly summaries which we will try to distribute to the members on the website or by other means. It is unknown whether the organization can request specific topics to be included. Doug reported that the Surveyors have someone else performing a similar function.

It was moved and seconded to hire Judy Harvie to provide this service. Approved unanimously.

We discussed Clough's proposal regarding the results of the steering committee on the Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules. The steering committee has produced a list of recommended changes. Clough will summarize the recommendations and convert them to the underline/strikeout format needed to actually proceed with the changes. This may speed up the process of implementing the changes. Bill Noble has offered to help with this task. The actual cost for Clough's services will depend on how much help he gets from Bill.

It was moved and seconded to approve funding for Clough Toppan to expedite the rule making process for an amount not to exceed \$2,700.

During further discussion, Clough estimated that he can complete this by the middle of July.

Motion passed, 4-2.

Russ Martin discussion

Russ suggested that MASE may want to subsidize site evaluations for low income and elderly people that are having problems with their septic system.

DHS files on site evaluator's including licensing results and correspondence are public records and anyone can request access to them. This was confirmed by the Attorney General recently. Under "Freedom of Access" anything that is not confidential is public.

Potential MASE Funding Projects

The following items were discussed:

- Dan Locke presented further information of the Maine Conservation School.
- Portable Screen. Dave researched some screens but not decision was made. We will discuss this issue at a future meeting.
- Website/Newsletter. In order to work on these the template files are needed for the newsletter, and access to the webserver is needed for the website. Gary will obtain the information on the website access and Richard will make the updates such as adding the meeting minutes and photographs. Richard will try to put together an appropriate format for future newsletters and try to obtain the necessary graphics from the website.
- Internship – Dave put together an application. Some unresolved issues regarding liability of the company who hires the intern, and how to ensure that the intern receives the proper training. This issue was tabled for the time being. We will try to come up with a final plan in time to do it next season.

Doug Coombs discussion

The site evaluator field exam will take place on September 24. The MASE field day will be on the 25th. MAPSS will be invited.

MAPSS/MASE workshop at Reid State Park will take place September 3. Doug is working with Dave Rocque on all these events.

Wetland Scientists letter of support

Not ready yet. Dave will try to have it ready for the next meeting.

MAPSS/MASE workshop at Reid State Park

This will take place September 3. The board decided to provide some type of beverages but not food. Site Evaluator field exam will be later that month. The written exam is on May 15.

Request from Wetland Scientists for letter of support on certification for wetland delineators

Jim Boyle requested a letter of support. MASE will support the concept but needs to know details before fully backing it. Dave will draft a letter.

Golf Tournament

The gold tournament will take place June 20.

Annual Meeting

We will probably use the Millenium, if they address their parking issues. There appears to be plenty of parking if they plow the parking lots. Ken will get information on the Civic Center and we will make a final decision next meeting.

Trip to Barnstable

Bill checked into prices for renting a bus to take people down to the research center. It will cost \$27-28 for a packed bus. He will check into the possibilities for a smaller bus.

Communication

Dave has been having trouble getting email responses on issues. Email is the favored method of communication if people are responsive.

The Next Meeting will be held August 13, 2008 in Augusta.

Meeting adjourned 4:55pm.