

## **Land for Maine's Future Program**

Minutes of the Meeting **December 14, 2010** 

Baxter Conference Room State Planning Office 19 Union Street, Augusta, Maine

## **Board Members Present:**

Commissioner George Lapointe, Chair Don Marean Ben Emory

Commissioner Eliza Townsend Bucky Owen Leon Gorman (via phone)

Tim Glidden, Act. Director, SPO

Diane Doyle (via phone)

## **Board Members Absent:**

Commissioner Seth Bradstreet Commissioner Danny Martin

Jeff Thaler

## **LMF Staff Members Present:**

Steve Brooke R. Collin Therrien Aline A. Lachance

## **Others Present:**

Representative Herbert Clark, Millinocket (via phone)
Wolfe Tone, Trust for Public Lands
Paul Sannicandro, Northern Timber Cruisers Snowmobile Club, Millinocket
Alan Stearns, Dept. of Conservation
Sarah Demers, Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

## **Minutes of the Meeting**

A motion was made by Commissioner Townsend and seconded by Bucky Owen to accept the November 9, 2010 Minutes of the Meeting. Vote was unanimous with Tim Glidden abstaining.

### **Millinocket Forest Project**

Public Notice

On December 4, 2010 published in the Kennebec Journal, on December 3, 2010 published in the Bangor Daily News, and on December 9, 2010 published in the Lincoln News.

## - Appraisal Review Committee Recommendation

The ARC recommends accepting an appraisal value of \$2,100,000 for the <u>Sandy Stream</u> parcel and an appraisal value of \$500,000 for the <u>Hunt Farm parcel</u> and further recommends LMF funding of \$762,667 for these 2 parcels.

### - Easement Review Committee Recommendation

The ERC reviewed staff memo dated October 18, 2010 and staff updates on progress with the ongoing negotiations over easements terms. The Committee therefore recommends approval of the easements contingent upon the final language being consistent with prior precedent and framework of the LMF working forest easement template.

#### Letter of Record

The County of Penobscot, Court of County Commissioners submitted a 'Letter of Record' in which they "approve the acquisition of land and conservation easements by the Bureau of Parks & Lands, Maine Department of Conservation". A copy has been placed in the files.

#### Public Comments

Represented Herbert Clark stated that the Board is well served by Alan Stearns. He has done an outstanding job.

In response to a question from Mr. Sannicandro, Alan Stearns updated the Board regarding the Lookout Mountain parcel (*the 3<sup>rd</sup> parcel in this project*) stating that productive discussions continue with the landowner regarding an acceptable appraisal value for this parcel.

## - Vote to Support Acquisition

A motion was made by Bucky Owen and seconded by Ben Emory to support acquisition of the Sandy Stream parcel and the Hunt Farm conservation easement. Vote was unanimous with Tim Glidden abstaining.

### **Updates**

- o Several projects withdrawn and therefore the Conservation & Recreation Funds are now in the black by roughly \$50,000.
- o Secretary of State has certified the new Bond.
- O Tim does not plan on borrowing funds from the new bond until after mid 2011, when a new round of projects are selected.
- O A January 20, 2010 Workshop is being planned for anyone interested in attending a session on how to prepare a LMF proposal. Maine Coast Heritage Trust will be working with LMF staff in preparing this workshop.

# **Next Board Meeting**

January 18, 2011 \*
Baxter Conference Room
Maine State Planning Office
19 Union St., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
Augusta, Maine

\* Note: Board meeting rescheduled for February 8, 2011.

# **Adjourned**

1:26 p.m.