

# STATE OF MAINE

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY

LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE PROGRAM 22 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

AMANDA E. BEAL COMMISSIONER

Land for Maine's Future Board Meeting 32 Blossom Lane, Marquardt Building, Room 118, Augusta March 26, 2019

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER

- Welcome and Introductions Chairman Keliher Board Per Diem – submit forms
- 2. Minutes: January 29, 2019 Chairman Keliher Board action to accept minutes
- 3. Bond Balances LMF Director
- 4. Project Allocations & Status LMF Director
- 5. Projects to be Acted On LMF Staff
  - A. Woodward Point Preserve, Brunswick, Cumberland County, 59.9± acres.

**Sponsor:** ME Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife ("ME DIFW")

Maine Coast Heritage Trust ("MCHT") acquisition of fee simple title of entire 87.4± acres for conservation and recreation, with an undeveloped 59.9± acre portion with 9,000 lineal feet of shoreline on Woodward Cove and "Little Bull Pen", and remainder lands of 27.5± acres, as part of same deed, and held as the same land; neither parcel shall be divided or separated. MCHT's 59.9± acre portion held and managed under a project agreement with ME DIFW, serving as Designated State Agency, ("DSA").

- Project Summary
- Appraisal Oversight Committee Recommendation

Board action to accept the recommendations of the Appraisal Oversight Committee

- Announcement of Public Notice
- Accept Public Comment
- Vote to Support Acquisition

Board action to confirm the allocation of Conservation & Recreation funds to support the acquisition.

### B. Bethel Community Forest, Bethel, Oxford County, 853.20 ± acres

**Sponsor:** ME Department of Agriculture, Conservation, Forestry ("ME DACF") The Bethel Community Forest will expand and diversify recreational opportunities in Bethel, help grow the town's recreation and tourism based economy, and unite the



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PHONE: (207) 287-3200 FAX: (207) 287-7548 WWW.MAINE.GOV/DACF/LMF/ community around a new, shared resource. A management plan is underway to support the development of a multi-use recreational trail network on the property. An added benefit of the project is that it will provide public access to the adjacent Bingham Forest, a 2,400-acre parcel owned by the Town. property owned by the Town of Bethel with no existing legal public access. The property will be held in fee by Mahoosuc Pathways under a project Agreement with ME DACF-Bureau of Parks and Lands will serve as the DSA.

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6. New Water Access Proposal – LMF Staff

Annabessacook Lake, Winthrop, Kennebec County, 13 +/- acres

Sponsor: ME Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

A proposal for fee acquisition of a parcel on Annabessacook Lake, by Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Acquiring permanent access to Annabessacook has been identified as a top priority for public water access by ME DIFW for over two decades. Primary use of the property will be for trailer boat launching and winter access to Annabessacook Lake.

Board action to accept the Annabessacook Lake Water Access proposal.

- 7. Board Notifications & Approvals LMF Director
  - A. Access Improvement Grants

Board vote to allocate Access Improvement Funds

B. Amendments & Change of Use Committee

Board vote to adopt Committee recommendation

- C. Working Waterfront Access Protection Program Update DMR Staff
- D. LMF Ag. Easement overview
- E. LMF Bond Bill L.D. 911
- 8. Maine Conservation Taskforce Presentation

Shaping the Next Generation of Land Conservation in Maine

- 9. Staff Updates LMF Director
  - Request ME DIFW staff to present an overview of their acquisition priorities and programs

Next AOC meeting: April 25, 2019

Next Board meeting: May 21, 2019