

MAWS Meeting Minutes
9 December 1993
Aiery Hall Auditorium,
Colby College, Waterville

6:00ish- meeting called to order

Approximately 30 members were in attendance. President, Wende Rosier presided.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Cowan reported a balance of \$3,333.01 with a deposit of approximately \$50.00 to be made from the evenings transactions.

Membership Committee Report: Alan Burnell reported 63 members appear in the the draft MAWS directory which should be finalized by the February 1994 meeting.

Legislative Committee Report: Dave Askew's report would be addressed in the evening presentation.

Ethics Committee Report: Steve Pelletier reported things were fine ethically.

Program Committee Report: Marcia Spencer queried the members for topics of the upcoming meeting in February 1994. Topics discussed included wetland natural history and wetland hydrology. Discussion then evolved into-

New Business: which included the upcoming 1995 SWS meeting in Boston and what role should MAWS play for assisting Doug Sparrow and/or hosting a wetland field trip at locations such as the Saco Heath. Possibilities of joint field trips or workshops with MAPSS or other Associations of Wetland Scientists in the New England Chapter of SWS were suggested. David Roque announced MAPSS would be holding its annual meeting at the Civic Center in Augusta on 2/17/94- speakers include Peter Veneman and Hal Borns.

Old Business: John Lortie gave an update on the results from the Questionnaire about Certification of Wetland Scientists. These results were included in the January 1994 issue of the OBLIGATE.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.

Evening Presentation: A discussion of regulatory developments was lead by David Askew, Richard Baker and Jay Clement, Handouts were distributed.

Askew (DEP-NRPA): As of 3/1/94 all subsurface disposal systems will be exempt from NRPA. Changes to plumbing code will become effective on 7/1/94. PBR standards will appear as Appendix to

HHE200 forms. IF&W is in process of identifying "significant wildlife habitat" and will then develop a general set of rules for same. Changes were made to the NRPA application form on 7/1/93. A preliminary explanation followed on the pending 1/2/94 merger of the DEP Land and Water Bureaus.

Baker (DEP Shoreland Zone): Provided history and overview of Municipal Shoreland Zoning Ordinances and an update on the number of municipalities that are presently in the process of adopting or implementing Ordinances.

Clement (ACOE): Discussed three recent PN'S on discharge of dredge fill, pilings and prior converted croplands. A pending update of the 1983 SPGP was discussed which would revoke the existing Naitiowide Permits and permit activities in wetland based on 3 categories or levels- Non reporting, Screening and Individual Permit that are related to area of impact. The new GP is anticipated to be in place by May 1994. Deadline for comments is 1 February 1994 and Jay would appreciate input from members of MAWS.

Presentation concluded at about 8:30 pm

Prepared and submitted by Colen Peters, Secretary.