

**Maine Forest Legacy Committee
September 13, 2007 Meeting Minutes
REVISED DRAFT**

Committee Members Present: Don Hudson, Matt Polstein, Sally Stockwell, Tim Glidden, Bob Engelhart, Kate Dempsey, Alan Stearns

Staff Present: Jo D. Saffair

Committee Members Absent: Ken Elowe, Don Mansius, Steve LeBlanc, Peter Triandafillou, Andy Irish

1. Minutes. The minutes of the June 27, 2007 Legacy Committee meeting were unanimously approved with the following edits:
 - a. Section IV.a.i.1. to read “Wabassus Lake – 6,561 acre fee acquisition by DLLT, easement by State”
 - b. Section IV.a.iv. to have added, “guaranteed access from Rt. 9 through State land and from Grand Lake Stream through DLLT Farm Cove Community Forest
2. Overview of Meeting Structure and Pending Projects. Alan Stearns framed the discussion of FY’09 applications by encouraging the Committee to consider the scoring, readiness, and strategic importance of each project.
3. Scoring Subcommittee. Tim Glidden reviewed the subcommittee’s memo and scoring of the five FY’09 applications. For the three projects that received the same numerical score (Grafton Notch, Gulf Hags, and Wassataquoik), the Subcommittee described further levels of distinction between project ranking based upon readiness.
4. Public Comments/Project Proposal Updates and Clarification
 - a. Machias River Phase III – Mark Berry distributed a one-page report to update the Committee on the status of the project . Progress on sales options, P&S agreements and appraisals had occurred since application submission.
 - b. Grafton Notch – Sam Hodder noted that if this project is not funded in FY’08, TPL advocates that it be the State’s #1 priority for FY’09.
5. Committee Discussion and Vote on FY’09 Applications. Based on strategic considerations including a desire to secure the maximum funding possible for Maine projects, the interest of the Legislature to acquire Wassataquoik, and the relative readiness of the projects, the Legacy Committee voted unanimously to forward the following projects in order of priority:
 - a. Machias River Phase III
 - b. Grafton Notch – Stowe Mountain

- c. A “Greater Millinocket Region” project that includes Wassataquoik Valley Forest and Seboeis Lake parcels
- 6. The Gulf Hagas - Big Spruce-Saddleback application was set aside for possible consideration with out prejudice in a future funding round

It was also agreed that a letter would be sent to Maine’s Congressional delegation urging continued leadership on Grafton Notch – Stowe Mountain with the objective of securing funding for this project in FY’08.

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