

Called to order by Charlie Thompson at some point.

1. Treasurer's report given and accepted.
2. Chair Thompson gave a report on the background of the grant for forester promotion. Discussion followed

Ann Marie Kittredge: what is deadline? Ans: Sept. 30, 2005.

Jim DiMaio: Some other deadline in May. Need new narrative; Feb. 1, 2007 deadline.

Joe Mawson: Are people in SAF and MAPF?

Chair Thompson: Cheaper to be in MAPF.

General discussion about number of foresters: 160 licensed? 155 SAF chapter members?

Bill Hull: No organization is viable- no clout in MFA- too fragmented.

Leo Garneau: SAF has no position on local issues and that keeps MAPF alive. Do private foresters care? No response.

Chair Thompson: John Newton was adamant that if we couldn't get enough people to put up \$100 a year to get a promotion moving, it won't work.

Joe Mawson: Need a leader; non-government, not mill; need to pay someone. MAPF was started to talk to legislators, which was banned by SAF. Policy changed, so state chapter was begun. What is a viable forestry consulting firm? 2-5 people? Too many one man operations.

Someone: MFA Board; some kind of executive director; lobbyist-position.

Jim DiMaio: Hire a consultant-marketing expert-some matching funds required.

Tom Anderson: Can state put money in to match? Ans: yes, but not federal funds.

Jim DiMaio: DCR can't work on grant but can do some promotion. Ethical conflicts and funding issues. Tourism is promoted but private involvement.

Someone & Leo Garneau: other problems are more pressing.

Nancy Gordon: Where is this going over the long run? Too small a base; 30 consultants?

Leo Garneau: Need to include others: Wood Producers, MFA, MAPF, etc

Chair Thompson: Grant needs to be amended and re-written to continue. Someone needs to act.

Joe Mawson: Why limiting to consultants?

Jim DiMaio: Purpose was to promote good forestry.

Ann Marie Kittredge: Motion to pause discussion and continue with CFE Biomass Program.

Steve Ward: Tomorrow is Bruce Spencer's last day at Quabbin (started June 13, 1965).

Retirement party Feb. 11 at Bluebonnet, dinner 6:30 PM.

Discussion on Future of Chapter:

1. Need new Officers!
2. 2 CFE credits for serving
3. Chris Pryor possible vice chair.
4. Dumont stuck as secretary/treasurer again.
5. GRANT: Forest Guild wants to partner with SAF and MAPF on grant and a meeting is planned for January 23. Ben Urquhart stepped forward to represent SAF at these meetings.
6. State of Maine has done promotion work on foresters. Vermont has a group that runs an ad in Northern Woodlands.

Motion to adjourn moved and voted. 5:35 PM