

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters  
Executive Committee Meeting  
August 9, 2013  
Phone Conference Call**

Attending: Ken Laustsen, Bill Livingston, Bob Cousins, Eli Shank, Wil Mercier, Laura Audibert, Kris Hoffmann, Ron Lemin, Katie Cousins, Sasha Miller

Ken began the conversation at 8:04 AM

The primary purpose of the call was to flesh out and organize ideas for the Fall Meeting on Local Wood. The group discussed possibly inviting someone from Irving to discuss the differences between operating mills in Canada vs. the US. Ron would like someone to speak on what the state can do to bring mills on this side of the border. Wil suggested discussing the difference in mill technologies.

Ken spoke with Collin Miller who presented at the May NESAF meeting. Collin is available to speak, but he hasn't been given any specifics yet. Bob Ricard from CT is not available, but suggested Doug Emmerthal on how to build local markets.

Wil suggested a technology transfer talk by someone at MOFGA, but Ken feels Collin can do this. Lloyd Irland would also be a good speaker on the economics of mill locations. Ken noted that Colby College is focusing on sustainability and green energy with their biomass plant.

**Laura** will ask State Senator Troy Jackson if he is willing to speak on the state's role and the role of politics in locating mills.

Wil suggested Bob Rice from the UMaine Wood Science faculty could talk about mill efficiency. The group prefers to invite Bob instead of someone from Irving.

Eli suggested highlighting the success of the hardwood market in northern Maine. Seven Islands has both primary and secondary facilities up there. Mills from southern Maine include Hammond, Hancock and Robbins Lumber.

Having a forester who has combined small woodlot acreages and volumes to achieve marketable volumes would be good as well. SAPPI has people such as Katie and Paul Larivee.

The program may tentatively be broken out as:

Morning—	Small ownerships, mills Paul Larivee, SAPPI Katie Cousins, SAPPI Collin Miller MFS inventory trends
Afternoon--	Senator Troy Jackson, state and political perspective Bob Rice, UMaine

Successful hardwood processing story, made in Maine  
New cedar mill in Ashland, get owner to discuss why northern Maine (Ken has contact info)

The three Members—at-large will work on the details. **Laura** will send the minutes around to everyone and will include Ken's info on possible contacts. The group will come up with a "catchier" title.

### Adjourn

The call ended at 8:53 AM.

Submitted by  
*Laura Audibert*

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New Cedar Mill in Ashland

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Dave Rochester (MFS) was also very involved in assisting Ecoshel with their initial due diligence,

#2 - Maine Healthy Forests Initiative – cooperative effort between MFS (Jan Santerre), Forest Resources Assoc. (Joel Swanton), and Maine Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) (Pat Sirois)

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