



Jan. 23, 2018

Central Aroostook Local Work Group Meeting Minutes
Held at the Univ. of Maine Cooperative Extension Office

10:00 - 12:00

Meeting called to order by CASWCD Hollie Umphrey at 10:05

Guest attendees included:

Hollie Umphrey, CASWCD Exec. Dir.

Amanda Churchill, Asst CASWCD Exec. Dir.

Eric Ramerth, NRCS

George Howe, CASWCD Chair

Dotty Dudley, CASWCD

John Hoffses, SAD 1 School Farm Manager

Lawrence Park, CASWCD

Randy Martin, CASWCD

CASWCD Chair, George Howe welcomed the group and conducted introductions. Seth Jones and Hollie Umphrey provided an overview of the days meeting and the importance of everyone's input in setting priorities for local natural resources here in Central Aroostook.

Seth Jones provided everyone with a packet of information providing an overview of Maine NRCS programs under last years EQIP. He also discussed that AMA will no longer be part of Maine's programs and this will make a huge impact on any new sign ups for irrigation.

Hollie & Amanda captured the groups comments on flip charts and had each participant provide the group with their areas of natural resource concerns: The concerns are the following:

- Water Quality
- Shore Front Restoration (addressed by the district)
- Pollinator Habitat
- Cover Crop
- Wildlife
- Soil Quality
- Soil Erosion
- Forestry
- Animal Waste
- IPM
- Irrigation
- Energy



The group later voted on the top five resource concerns they believe are pivotal to Central Aroostook from the above list. The group decided that they would most likely want Maine NRCS to focus on the following:

Cropland
Forestry
Animal Waste
Irrigation
Wildlife

The last step we asked of the participants was to place a percentage of funds for each of the categories and they all voted in agreement to the following:

Cropland = 75%
Forestry = 10%
Animal Waste = 5%
Irrigation = 1%
Wildlife = 9%

Respectively Submitted:

Hollie J Umphrey
Exec. Dir. CASWCD