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2 **New England Society of American Foresters (NESAF)**  
3 **Executive Committee (EC) Meeting**  
4 **Wednesday, September 12, 2007**

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6 Location: DEM RI Office, Chepachet, RI  
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8 **Members present:**

9 Paul Dolan Rhode Island State Representative; Nomination Chair  
10 Don Floyd Canadian Representative  
11 George Frame Chair  
12 James Harding Forest Science Coordinator  
13 J Peter Howland New Hampshire State Representative; Policy Committee Chair  
14 Mariann Johnston Website Administrator  
15 Anne Marie Kittredge Secretary  
16 Ken Laustsen Immediate Past Chair  
17 Ron Lemin Jr. Vice-Chair; Membership Chair  
18 Spencer Meyer Maine State Representative  
19 Ed O'Leary Vermont State Representative  
20 Larry Rousseau Treasurer  
21 Randy Stone Massachusetts State Representative; Awards Chair  
22 Brad Wyman NESAF News Quarterly Editor

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24 **Guests:**

25 Jerry Milne NY/NESAF Winter Meeting Chair  
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27 **Members not present:**

28 Tom Degnan Connecticut State Representative; Grants Chair  
29 Roger Dziengeleski Council Representative  
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31 **Meeting opened by NESAF Chair, George Frame at 9:25 AM**  
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33 **A. Standard items:**

34 **Sign in sheet (Kittredge) - verify contact information:** The standard sign-in sheet was circulated.

35 **Welcome:** George F. welcomed all EC members. All EC members introduced themselves to Don Floyd,  
36 the NESAF Canadian representative. Remark: Don F. will address EC relative to his position as JOF editor  
37 later in the meeting agenda.

38 **Antitrust statement:** The antitrust statement was presented.

39 **Add/Adjust agenda:** Add Don Floyd to the state reports section of the agenda.

40 **Corrections/Additions for the June 19, 2007 EC meeting minutes (Kittredge):** Previous  
41 corrections from Anne Marie K. have been incorporated into the draft minutes. No new corrections were  
42 suggested. **A motion was heard from Brad W. to accept the meeting minutes; a second to the motion was**  
43 **heard from Larry R. The question was called and passed unanimously.**

44 **Treasurer's Report (Rousseau):** Larry R. distributed the NESAF Accounts Balance as of 9/12/07 and  
45 noted total assets of \$65,071.19. In review of the budget, income to date is \$31,988.89; expenses to date  
46 are \$13,031.60. The additional expense used to pay for individual copies of the Integrity Award for each of  
47 the recipients is itemized within this expense worksheet. NESAF exceeded the EC general operations  
48 expense budget by \$465. *A motion was heard from Paul D. to approve the Treasurer's Report; a second to  
49 the motion was heard from Brad W. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.*

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51 The budget was also presented at this point and not later in the meeting. It was noted that \$3,080 is  
52 currently available for NESAF grant applications and that a \$91 dollars expense item was added to the  
53 expenses for easel storage. (@\$65/month). The easel issues (storage, maintenance & transportation) were  
54 discussed here and later in the agenda during the discussion of Old Business (item 2) and within the  
55 discussion of New Business - Standing Committees - (FSC) notes.

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57 *A motion was heard from Ron L. to increase the Executive Committee General Operations budget line item  
58 from the current \$3,500 to \$5,000; a second to the motion was heard from Ed O'Leary. Following a brief  
59 discussion, the question was called and the motion passed unanimously.*

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61 *A motion was heard from Brad W. to approve the Budget worksheet as presented and amended; a second to  
62 the motion was heard from Spencer M. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.*

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64 **B. Old Business:**

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66 1. **Status of the Future Challenges White Paper (Laustsen):** The final report was reviewed by Merv G.  
67 with recent changes from Merv G. and Anne Marie K. The White Paper was posted on the NESAF website  
68 during early August 2007. The White Paper was distributed to the New York SAF. Roger D., NESAF's  
69 Council Representative, received a copy; a Forestry Source article and a News Quarterly article will  
70 appear soon. The EC agrees that it is time to encourage chapters and divisions to adopt and implement  
71 one or more pieces of the action plan. Ken L. is looking for feedback from each of the state divisions. It  
72 was suggested that a success story may be submitted to National SAF. *It was suggested that George F.  
73 add an item to the December EC meeting agenda. Each State Representative could make an effort to  
74 make this subject a part of each state report. Each State Representative will describe how that state  
75 will try to implement one or more of the action items.* [Jerry Milne joined the group at this point.]

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77 2. **Additional information on Easels (Frame & Harding):** During the Winter Meeting in Fairlee, VT, it was  
78 suggested that NESAF investigate the costs that would be associated with the purchase of some more  
79 modern easels for future use at NESAF Winter Meetings. The result of this review indicates that \$1,100  
80 would pay for 30 easels from U.S. Marker Board Company. NESAF currently owns (and stores) 60 wooden  
81 easels. Twenty (20) wooden easels were used for the poster session during the 2007 NESAF Winter  
82 Meeting. NESAF has agreed to loan some of the wooden easels to NYSAF for use during the 2008  
83 NESAF/NYSAF Winter Meeting. Following the 2008 Winter Meeting, the Maine Division will locate a  
84 storage facility for the wooden easels. Transportation difficulties, maintenance of the easels and  
85 inadequate storage space within at least some of the state divisions' sites characterize the easel issues.  
86 *Spencer M. will order one of the modern easels and he will bring it to the December EC meeting* so that  
87 the EC can inspect one easel and make a more informed decision. The EC discussed the possibility that 1)  
88 each of the states could contribute to the easel fund or 2) NESAF could add this item to the 2008  
89 budget.

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91 **C. NEW BUSINESS:**

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93 **1. NE/NY Winter Meeting Update (Jerry Milne):** The date and location of the meeting was summarized.  
94 The hotel will charge the government room rate (\$105/night). The conference registration is expected  
95 to be about \$125/person. Relative to the program and speakers, the following speakers have been  
96 invited: William Schlesinger, key note speaker - forest climate and change; Mike Mortimor, SAF Policy  
97 Chair - finding common ground -theme. Other topics, NE greenhouse gas initiative, climate change,  
98 carbon sequestration, graduate student presentations; land protections tools; business meetings for both  
99 NYSAF and NESAF; forester health, OSHA, CR monitoring; awards banquet(s); biomass markets;  
100 watershed management issues. Tours include Finch Paper, a Saratoga tree nursery, a state forest  
101 plantation and others. The scheduling of the hockey game location remains an issue. A ski trip is being  
102 organized. Quiz bowl will be wed pm. Alumni socials on Thursday pm. 1-5 Tuesday EC meeting room.  
103 Registration will occur on-line through the National office. The EC discussed the need for registration to  
104 be available to non-members and to those who are unable to register electronically. Walk-in registrations  
105 will be not encouraged. The EC congratulated Jerry M. on a full and interesting program. Jim H.  
106 discussed the opportunity for graduate student oral presentation as part of the call for papers and  
107 posters. The EC discussed this new item and thanked Jim H. for his efforts.

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109 **2. Standing Committee reports:**

110 **Nominations and Election (Dolan):** The term(s) for the RI, NH and CT state representatives to  
111 NESAF will expire at year-end. The NESAF Secretary and Treasurer terms will also expire. NESAF seeks  
112 nominations for these positions before the election this fall. **The EC members still need to solicit new names**  
113 **and submit them to Paul D. ASAP. Names and bios needed NOW!!!! . Several member names were discussed.**

114 **Policy (Howland):** No action items are pending. GSD recently finished developing a working  
115 forest/conservation easement policy position statement.

116 **Membership (Lemin):** Ron L. distributed the NESAF membership purge list. 74 members were purged  
117 this year. Last year 80 NESAF members were purged. 77% of these (purged) members are 1-10 year  
118 members. There were 1,031 NESAF members before this year's purge. **Ron L. plans to organize a meeting of**  
119 **state representatives to discuss membership issues during the Winter Meeting.** A discussion followed  
120 relative to NESAF's interest in re-inventing the leadership academy in New England as one way to try to  
121 stimulate and retain some of our newest members. EC members think this is a good idea and that one option  
122 involves including a leadership academy in association with the Winter Meeting. In the past, NESAF included  
123 the cost of National Leadership Academy attendance in the budget; in the future, the EC could consider the  
124 option of including the costs of training new NESAF members through this program.

125 **Forest Science Coordinator (Harding):** Jim H. discussed the themes for the NQ. Jim H. has  
126 received 3 articles on old growth that are nearly ready to go to Brad W. for this upcoming issue of the NQ.  
127 The January NQ theme will likely concentrate on 10 years after the Ice Storm (1998). Jim H. expressed  
128 concerned about some of the WGs and the continuing need to find at least one or more WG chairs. The EC  
129 agrees that this is a continuing issue and not related to Jim's tenure as FSC. In the past, the WG design was  
130 based on the need to anticipated need to convey new science, skills and technology to members. Only New  
131 England maintains WGs. The current Winter Meeting program functions quite well without contributions  
132 from most of the WGs; perhaps WGs are redundant. This discussion will continue. Jim H. moved the 50  
133 poster easels out of his office and into storage. The easels will be transported to Saratoga Springs, NY.

134 **NESAF Website (Johnston):** Mariann J. reports that the need for her website duties have been  
135 decreasing lately. Jim's O's turn-around time for getting items posted on the website have been getting  
136 longer (a week) - which may become an issue in the future and may relate to the need to act on the new  
137 website format described by the recent RFP.

- 138 i. **New Maintenance Contract RFP** - Five (5) proposals were received. Four (4) of the  
139 proposals represent the required management systems. The RFP sub-committee has not  
140 yet reviewed the proposals. Mariann J. described a possible prioritization of the  
141 proposals. 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: First Step Internet \$4,680 (this company has experience with the  
142 Inland Empire SAF) and 1<sup>st</sup> choice: Webfodder \$4,745 [plus yearly fees]. The other two  
143 proposal companies were less focused on NESAF's needs. Once a company is chosen, the  
144 next steps include consultation, testing, and training session(s). The implementation  
145 process will require 6-8 weeks and this proposed implementation period falls within the  
146 Website Administrator's term (thru December 2007). There was discussion of the timing  
147 of new website features that may coincide (conflict) with the need for NESAF members  
148 to register on-line for the Winter Meeting and to vote on-line. The current NESAF  
149 budget does not cover the costs associated with this contract within a single budget year.  
150 The EC discussed the possibility of spreading this payment over 2 budget years. Mariann  
151 J. described the past use of the Website Administrator's time commitments. In the past,  
152 the Website Administrator's time involved the implementation of the current NESAF  
153 website; recently, less of a time commitment was required for this task. Mariann L.  
154 suggested that the Website Administrator's stipend could be committed to the new RFP  
155 contract in the future. This suggestion is based on the assumption that the NESAF  
156 Website Administrator's work load remains low. The list-serve opportunity available  
157 through the new system would encourage member use of the NESAF Website. **A motion**  
158 **was heard from Don F. to authorized further exploration by the website sub-committee**  
159 **relative to the 2 RFP proposals.** A discussion followed and included the following items.  
160 **The website sub-committee should develop a recommendation and bring it to the**  
161 **12/12/07 NESAF EC meeting.** Authorization for this expenditure by e-mail may be  
162 needed in order to pay for this item in a timely way. The EC will consider dividing this  
163 item over a 2-year budget cycle (which will cost a little more); The EC hopes to commit  
164 this year's funds in December 2007. The EC will allocate the remaining payment to the  
165 next (2008) budget year. Recognizing that 50/50 payment split will require amending the  
166 NESAF. **Ken L. seconded this motion.** A discussion followed and focused on the projected  
167 time frame; NESAF may not want to launch a new system before March 2008. The EC  
168 agrees that it is desirable to pay for the first installment of this proposed project in  
169 December 2007. The next step will take 6-8 weeks and NESAF will not launch a new  
170 website until March (>6-8weeks due to holidays). The launch of the newly revised website  
171 will represent an opportunity for a "good news announcement" during the next Winter  
172 Meeting and the spring NQ. **The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.**  
173 ii. **Other** - Mariann J. suggested that perhaps she would receive more new information for  
174 the Website from each of the states if she sent out reminders to state representatives  
175 (as Brad W. does for the NQ). **There is a need for each of the state representatives to**  
176 **collect and send new information to Mariann J.**  
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178 **Grants (Degnan):** Tom D. was not present. E-mail from Tom D. reports no new grant applications for  
179 available funds have been received. VT is working on one application. Tom D. received a potential grant  
180 (\$750) from CT. CT will be revising and preparing a grant application for submission by December 2007.  
181 Tom E-mailed all state representatives relative to information on grant availability, a sample grant  
182 application, and the timelines.

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184 **Grants Investment Sub-committee - Larry R, Tom D, and Julie Evans will review the investment**  
185 **policy options and especially the current policy relative to the \$25,000 principal.** The EC raised some other

186 points for this sub-committee to review and develop a response to: 1) Can the EC add to the principal (using  
187 Winter Meeting income)? 2) Are there other risk/return options that the EC should consider? 3) Is it  
188 possible for the EC to use some of the \$25,000 principal in order to fund a critical (large) grant application  
189 (with a plan to reinvest and get back to the \$25,000 principal balance within a pre-determined time frame)?  
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191 **Awards (Stone):** The request for award nominations appeared in the recent NQ. **Randy S. will**  
192 **submit another full page to Brad W. Randy S. will call nominators from past award cycles to confirm that**  
193 **the previously filed nominations are still valid.**  
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195 i. **Resolution of the Integrity Award situation (Laustsen):** This item has been resolved  
196 (relative to group awards).  
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198 **Budget (Rousseau):** This item was discussed earlier in the EC meeting (see Treasurer's Report).  
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200 **NESAF News Quarterly (Wyman):** Brad W. advertised the need for a new NQ editor in the past  
201 issue of the NQ; Brad is still awaiting responses. Brad W. continues to review the NESAF  
202 membership list as a source of names and in an effort to try to solicit an application from a candidate  
203 who may be interested in the NQ editor position. Brad W. notes that Kim Lowell's contributions to  
204 the NQ were always appreciated in the past. A Canadian correspondent would be welcome (300-360  
205 word articles) and **Don F. will work on this suggestion.**  
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207 **State Reports (NESAF State Representatives):**  
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209 MA - Randy Stone: About 100 foresters attended the Yankee Division meeting on 6/20/07 in Amherst that  
210 included a woods operation and mill tour hosted by W.D. Cows Lumber with emphasis on forest management  
211 for early seral habitat. On August 1, a US/Russia delegation tour took place in Massachusetts relative to  
212 interest in the green certification process. Randy will send a summary of this to meeting to Brad W. for  
213 inclusion in the next NQ. Major revisions of the Massachusetts Forest Cutting Practices Act are being  
214 considered including additional requirements may include stand exams and additional quantitative analysis.  
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216 RI - Paul D: New chapter officers were elected at the recent RI meeting; the "Way of the Woods" trailer  
217 will appear at the Wood and Energy Expo on October 13 (will replace the "Walk in the Woods" program.) The  
218 Champion Tree program continues to expand. **Paul D. will submit a NQ article to B W. that describes how RI**  
219 **has used NESAF grant dollars in the past.**  
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221 NH - Peter H: Three (3) timber sales on White Mountain Forest have been appealed, thus reducing harvest  
222 volume from 24 MMBF to 3 MMBF. The GSD newsletter is available online. The Granite State members  
223 created an op-ed piece about the loss of revenues to towns due to timber sale losses. The Annual Tree Farm  
224 meeting will take place on September 22. The October 4<sup>th</sup> workshop at the Bartlett Experiment Station  
225 celebrates its 75th anniversary. The GSD's scheduled annual meeting will occur on 15 February 2008.  
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227 CT - Tom Degnan: Tom was not present. Larry R. presented the following: UCONN's 6<sup>th</sup> Forestry User's  
228 Forum is scheduled for November 2007; this year's National Envirothon recipient is from Connecticut; **Larry**  
229 **R. will write an article about this for the NQ and send it to Brad;** a new manual was recently published and  
230 distributed relative to the management of grasslands.  
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232 VT - Ed O: A new Vice Chair for GMD, Scott Machinist, has been elected. The summer meeting is scheduled  
233 for September 28th in cooperation with The Wildlife Society (CWD and Moose impacts). A piece of 2006

234 legislation created a committee to fund the Vermont Fish & Wildlife agency and recommended enhanced  
235 funding. The Green Mountain SAF suggested that enhanced funding for all natural resource agencies be  
236 considered. That funding statement is posted on the GMD website. **Ray Toolan or Ed O. will write a piece**  
237 **about this development for the NQ and send it to Brad ASAP.** The GMD Website was updated recently by  
238 Ghost Writers Communications. The year 2009 represents the 100th anniversary of the first VT State  
239 Forest and VT State Forester. The GMD would like to republish the "Trees of Vermont" by northern  
240 woodlands as part of the celebration of this event. A new full-time position "conservation educator  
241 coordinator" for VT forests, parks and recreation was recently posted. As a result of a recent job posting  
242 and search for candidates, Nancy Patch was recently hired as the new Franklin/Grand Isle County  
243 Forester.

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245 ME - Spencer M.: The MESAF fall meeting theme will focus on ethics and resolution (and especially business  
246 models). Registration for members = \$25; registration for non-members = \$75s. The LPF issue may be  
247 resolved relative to board members. MESAF created a task force and 3 names have been recommended to  
248 the Board. MESAF is considering paying for a bus to transport MESAF members to Saratoga Springs for  
249 the NE/NY meeting in 2008. The Forestry Awareness Committee is active and working on developing grant  
250 applications. MESAF discussed the NH Guide to Forestry in NE - MESAF was not aware of this program or  
251 the purpose of this project and so didn't know how to react. (This guide was apparently developed for  
252 landowners.) MESAF distributed SAF bumper stickers to members.

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254 Canada - Don F.: Don presented economic data from the four Atlantic provinces that included the following;  
255 >10,000 job losses. IPM shut down recently. Some mergers may occur soon and this may lead to more mill  
256 shut downs. NB currently has 60 sawmills, 28 of which run at capacity. The near parity in the CA/US dollar is  
257 becoming an issue. An historic restructuring of the forest products industry will occur soon. For example,  
258 the province of Ontario will revisit license and tenure agreements for operators; other sweeping changes will  
259 occur throughout Canada. Minimal spruce budworm populations currently exist, however it is predicted that  
260 these populations will increase during the next 10-15 years. Resistance to pesticide applications continues to  
261 be an issue in Nova Scotia. Recent invasive insect population issues have lead to quarantines.

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263 12:55 pm: EC break for lunch. EC resumed at 1:30pm.

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265 Don F. suggested that some may believe that the JOF may have lost some of its former identity. Don F. has  
266 been an editor for 3 years and during this time The Forestry Source may have taken some of the JOF letter  
267 content. Forest Science may include some of the former JOF content. Some believe that the JOF may not  
268 be as relevant today to its readers. Important questions include: What should its role be and how do we get  
269 it to go there? Should the content be more applied? Does the JOF currently contain too much GIS and too  
270 much policy? Don F. is looking for feed back **from the EC** on how to make this a better publication. Has the  
271 JOF become too academic? Comments from the EC included a consensus that the most relevant information  
272 may be found within the various regional journals. The NJOF is popular. The new editor may have influenced  
273 some of the recent changes in the JOF. The single issue/single theme available in the past wasn't popular.  
274 Many readers enjoyed the letters from the society at large that were previously printed in the JOF. These  
275 can help make the membership at large feel more engaged. The former JOF practice included a peer  
276 reviewed section and a non-peer reviewed section. All thoughts and suggestions are welcome to make the  
277 journal more relevant to members.

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279 **SAF Council Report: (Dziengeleski):** not present.

- 280 i. **Status of National Awards and Fellow nominations- Region VI:** Two Fellow nominations  
281 were recently forwarded from Max McCormick to Roger D. John O'Brien was recently  
282 awarded the (National) Regional Field Forester award this year.  
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284 **Chair Potpourri (Frame):**

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286 i. **HSD and National Convention** - George F. serves on a committee with other  
287 representatives from around the country and finds that this is an effective system of  
288 communications. Mike Guergan no longer has an executive assistant. Mike G. will re-arrange  
289 those duties as a result. It is possible that Mike may be able to provide more support to  
290 state societies. Electronic voting will occur this year. Members and state societies need to  
291 alter their calendar to incorporate this potential for electronic voting within the identical  
292 calendar sequence nation-wide and to meet electronic deadlines. State societies do not need  
293 to file IRS statements. The national office handles this item. The gross income for each  
294 state societies needs to <\$25,000 in order to maintain 5013c status. This may be a future  
295 issue for NESAF and will need to be addressed in the future. National SAF insurance policy  
296 (liability) is somewhat limited; state societies that count on SAF insurance, may want to  
297 reconsider their options. The SAF Council recently agreed to some limited membership  
298 category changes and fee schedules. These changes still do not address the technician  
299 issue. The organization name change issue was discussed; many strong opinions were  
300 expressed. No resolution by achieved by Council. The most recent National SAF Strategic  
301 Plan can be found on- line. The proposal for "the Center for Evidenced Based Natural  
302 Resource Management" moved to the level of pilot project status. SAF funding and  
303 development options will be discussed at HSD. Ron L. and George F. look forward to the  
304 Portland Oregon HSD meeting.  
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- 306 ii. **Other items for the good of the order:** Ed O. suggests the book "No Child Left Inside"  
307 by Richard Louv to groups that want to address natural resource connectedness.  
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309 Ken L. sits on a task force that is reviewing the possibility of changing the 2-year forestry  
310 program format from a recognition system to accreditation based system. Discussion  
311 surrounded whether or not this option re-opens the traditional technician question/issue.  
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313 *A motion to adjourn was heard from Ken L. A second was heard from Ron L. The question was called and the*  
314 *motion passed unanimously.*

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316 The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

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318 *Respectfully submitted,*  
319 *Anne Marie Kittredge, NESAF Secretary*

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321 **Calendar: The NESAF EC will next meet on 12/12/2007 at the SPNHF Office in Concord NH**  
322 **(9:30AM).**  
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