

## Minutes of MAI trustees meeting of August 18, 2017

Trustees and Officers: (absent in parentheses; Trustee terms expire after Annual Trustees Meeting in year noted; Officer terms expire after each Annual Trustee Meeting)

2017	2018	2019
Laurie Day	Morrie Feibusch	Clare Durst
Fred Faller	(Angela Iannicelli)	(Chris Koerber)
Richard Farrell	Ben Odom	Emily Morse
Judy Grey	(Mary Weber)	Penny Smith

Officers present: President Glenn Burdick, Vice President Richard Farrell, Treasurer Bruce Kerns, Secretary Ann Hughey. (MAI counsel David Soule was unable to attend.)

Burdick called the meeting to order at about 9 p.m. and announced a quorum. Trustees unanimously approved minutes of the June 25, 2017 trustees meeting as well as the officer and committee reports made at the annual membership meeting.

Ben Odom said his gift of land to MAI, close to legal completion, was made to ensure that the Underhill trail head will always remain open. The Hardwood Hill gift from Charlie Hudson is in abeyance. until legal questions about the existing MAI conservation easement are resolved and issues related to the proposed wind turbine project off the south end of the island are resolved.

The forest stewardship plan, tabled at the September 2016 trustee teleconference meeting, remains tabled until consensus can be reached on what to do about it, Burdick said, commending Trustee Grey's hard work on the proposal.

An alternative land use proposal -- to create a formal procedure for landowners to petition to, for example, remove fire hazards such as dead trees from adjoining MAI land -- was tabled, leaving in place the current

informal system, described as “simple and friendly” by Trustee Faller.

Following lengthy discussion, there was agreement, without a formal vote, that the follow-up to the trustees’ logo contest decision in June requires the creation of a style sheet to ensure uniform colors and proportions for the logo’s use. Intern Willow Bates and Faller will make the final style sheet decisions without further consultation with trustees.

Trustees unanimously approved a motion to allow MAI lawyer David Soule and Burdick to proceed with paperwork approving, as an abutting landowner, the Monhegan Museum’s renovation project. **Motion approved.**

Trustees unanimously voted for the Lands Committee, headed by Doug Boynton, to consider and report back on a proposal to give or lease the ballfield to Monhegan Plantation. The lengthy discussion (also held during an informal trustees meeting earlier in the day) included issues such as whether MAI should ever sell land, what conditions should be included in a lease or letter of permission, removal of debris dumped on MAI land, liability insurance, “adverse possession” (whereby a person can acquire ownership of property by continued use), regulatory requirements, and the creation of a new trail linking Lighthouse Hill with White Head. **Motion approved.**

The MAI fiscal year 2018 budget was approved by a vote of 8-1. Farrell, who voted against the budget, asked that in future the proposed budget be distributed to trustees at least couple of days ahead of the annual meeting to allow time for questions before the vote. He also asked that MAI establish the operating practice, going forward, that trustees and membership be informed in advance of any major expenditure by the Ecology or Trails Committees, what kind of work they plan to do and where it would be done, so that “we’re not on autopilot.”

Trustees unanimously approved the reorganized trails policy.

Officers and 2020 term trustees were elected unanimously. Trustees Fred Faller, Richard Farrell and Judy Grey were re-elected to the 2020 term, and Daniel Bates was elected as a new trustee. Former Trustee

Laurie Day was thanked for her service. Trustees also unanimously approved Fred Faller as president, to take office at the end of the 2018 annual meeting following a year of shadowing Burdick.