



**BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
CROSS BUILDING, ROOM 600, AUGUSTA, ME
DECEMBER 16, 2013
1:00 P.M.**

ATTENDEES:

BSPA MEMBERS: Doug Denico, Director MFS; Chandler Woodcock, Commissioner IF&W; Janet Mills, AG.

Paul Stern, Assistant Attorney General

BSP STAFF: Jensen Bissell, Jean Hoekwater, Ben Woodard.

BSP ADVISORY MEMBERS: Rick Bray,

GUESTS: Anne Huntington (FBSP), Aaron Megquire (FBSP)

Denico called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and welcomed all to the meeting.

Stern distributed the draft Keep Lot North Conservation Easement, dated December 16, 2013 was distributed to the Baxter State Park Authority and attendees for review.

Denico raised for discussion his concern that the document appeared to provide snowmobile access for maintenance and supply purposes and not for recreational visits by the owners. Bissell remarked that in his experience, winter access to the property has not been a priority or significant interest of the owners. Discussion followed regarding the length of time specified for notice of Breach. Mills stated that she thought this timeframe was reasonable. Discussion followed regarding the right of the owners to prohibit public access. Bissell responded that that is an existing right that the easement specifies the owners wish to retain.

Denico asked Mills for her opinion on the proposed easement. Mills responded that she had reviewed the document and researched several questions with knowledgeable experts and with Stern. Stern added that minor changes have been worked out over the preceding days and the document is in compliance with the Uniform Conservation Easement Act and provides a positive outcome for both Baxter State Park and the Sewall heirs by preserving the property in its present condition for perpetuity while providing a tax advantage to the Grantors.

Woodcock motioned to approve the Keep North Conservation Easement as presented for execution forthwith. Mills seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, Denico adjourned the meeting at 1:20.

Doug Denico
Director MFS

Chandler Woodcock
Commissioner IF&W

Janet T. Mills
Attorney General