



Workshop Announcement

How Forestry Laws Affect Municipalities

Old Town – Weds., May 17, 12-3 p.m.; MFS Office, 87 Airport Road
Augusta – Tues., May 23, 9-12 a.m.; MFS Office, Bolton Hill (Rt. 3)
Lincoln – Tues., May 23, 6-9 p.m.; Northern Penobscot Tech Region III
Belfast – Tues., June 6, 1-4 p.m.; Free Library
Ellsworth – Tues., June 6, 6-9 p.m.; Town Hall
East Machias – Mon., June 12, 1-4 p.m.; Municipal Building

These workshops are an opportunity for Code Enforcement Officers, Town Managers, Planners, Selectmen, Assessors, and others to meet with Maine Forest Service District Foresters Terri Coolong, Sandy Walczyk, Morten Moesswilde, and Water Resources Specialist Tom Gilbert to discuss those forestry laws in Maine that most often impact municipalities.

Topics include the most common state regulations concerning timber harvesting:

- **Statewide Standards for Timber Harvesting in Shoreland Areas**
 - Guidelines for adopting state wide standards under municipal shoreland zoning ordinances, and possible benefits of adoption;
 - How these water quality regulations are enforced
- **Forest Operations Notifications and Forest Practices Act**
 - Basic definitions and requirements of timber harvesting;
 - Clearcutting vs. conversion of forest land to other uses
- **Liquidation Harvesting**
 - What LQH means and where it occurs
 - Responsibilities of town planning boards regarding LQH
- **Tree Growth Tax Law**
 - Overview of Tree Growth and related current use programs
 - How Maine Forest Service is involved in this law

This workshop will award 3 Legal Issues contact hours.

There is no fee for these workshops but **preregistration is required**. Please contact Jenny Stevens at 872-1800 or jenny.stevens@maine.gov to register. You may also scan the QR code below to access our signup sheet.

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