

Maryland Sustainable Forestry Council
Monday, July 18, 2024, 1:00pm – 3:00 pm
Virtual

- 1:00 pm** **Welcome** to members and guests- Bryan Seipp, Interim Chair
- Attendees: Anne, JT, Bowers, Bryan, Heather Wallace, Gary Allen, Anthony DiPaolo, Steve Resh, Fred Johnson, Beth Hill, Kim Finch, Paul Peditto, Donnelle Keech, Rob Feldt, Bill Rees.
- 1:05 pm** **Review and Approve Minutes** – Anne Hairston-Strang, State Forester
Gary Allen moves to approve the minutes - Seconded by Anthony DiPaolo
- 1:10 pm** Minutes approved at 13:11pm
- 1:13pm** **Northern Long-eared Bat Conservation and Forest Management Review Processes in other states** – Heather Wallace (Senior Biologist - EPR) and Rob Feldt (Forest Resource Planning Supervisor - MFS)
- 1:49** - Questions for HW
- 1:53pm** Rob's presentation begins
- 2:05 pm** Questions for Rob/Heather
- 2:28pm** **MFS State Forester Update** – Anne Hairston-Strang, State Forester
- 2:30pm** **Kirk Rodgers Memorial Progress (September 27th at 11am)** – Anne Hairston-Strang, State Forester
- 2:50 pm** **Forest Conservation Act Update** – JT Bowers
- 3:00pm** **2024 Fall Retreat Planning** (see more details below) – Bryan Seipp
- Roundtable**
- Adjourn** – Bryan Seipp
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Proposed Retreat Topics include:

- Demographics of MD forest landowners
- Who owns the woods?
- Future decision makers for the wooded landscape
- Forestry board's role in a terminal harvest?
- Legal Guidance in light of original duties
 - Need AG opinion
- Mel Noland Fund
- Forestry Boards

- FAP Forest Action Plan Vision
 - **FOREST HEALTH**
 - Polodia/Emerging Forest Hazards
 - Role of Forests and Climate
 - Alternative Markets
 - Rural social justice
 - Trails and Recreation
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