

LSRAB

MEETING MINUTES-12/16/2025

Start time- 3:05PM

Present

Corporal Kris MacCabe

Corporal Andrew Smart

Captain Josh Bubier

Kelly McNutt

Joe Roy

Luke Frankel

Eddie Dunlap

Steve Thistlewood

Al Swett

Christl Theriault

Bob Cordes

Amanda Egan

Brandon Lane

Tom Doak

Hannah Stevens

Kara Hodgkin

Doug Dickinson

Doug Kulis

Nate Webb

Matt Stedman

Tim Peabody

Judy Camuso

This meeting started by recapping the landowner relations program and what the program is tasked to do. Corporal MacCabe distributed a Landowner Relations 2025 annual report. The program for FY25 (July 1, 2024 -June 30, 2025) spent \$309,782.13, which is broken down into the following categories:

Equipment and materials for Landowner Support- **\$63,619.85**

- 2 biggest expenses: Sign Program- \$31,359.85 and Cellular Game Cameras and Service Fees-\$10,500.00

Public Outreach- **\$32,454.16**

- 2 biggest expenses: Advertising-\$20,000.00 and Hats- \$6,281.33

Other Operational Expenses- **\$213,708.12**

- 2 biggest expenses: Salaries and Wages- \$164,790.08 and Central Fleet Vehicles and Repairs- \$32,995.94

Highlights:

- New law established: Gives landowners authority to remove game cameras and tree stands not labeled. Landowners can remove, destroy, sell or possess the equipment found. LSRAB collaborated with Maine Woodland Owners to create legislation which was incorporated into Title 12 (10652) – Abuse of another person’s property Christl Theriault recognized Tom Doak for his effort in getting this new law passed.
- The landowner relations program continued to offer farmers the option to borrow a 1-Acre solar electric fence, this gives the landowners the opportunity to test the equipment to determine if it is worthwhile to purchase their own fence at roughly \$1400.00, which many ended up doing. Corporal Smart indicated due to the success the department is looking to purchase more fences for the program next year. Bob Cordes spoke about the D-Map program, 12 farms participated, 78 permits issued and 37 deer were tagged as a result, with the permits, baiting is not allowed but deer can be shot at night.
- Corporal MacCabe reviewed the Oversized ATV law, the department is working with agents (town offices and other businesses that can process registrations) on how to identify an oversized ATV. Currently there are about 100 models sold that are considered oversized by our law and 2026 models may have more. Corporal MacCabe sent 113 certified letters to people who registered their oversized ATV’s when they knew they were not supposed to and issued summons to a few. There are currently \$85,000 ATV’s registered (resident and non-resident). Most dealers have started to comply but for the few who don’t this could be considered a civil violation. 2 bills before the 2025 Legislature proposed an increase in the allowable weight of ATV’s to 3000 lbs, one bill was carried over to the next session. There are some landowners who say they will close their land to ATV use if the law to increase size is not passed.
- The Sign Program: Corporal MacCabe talked about the increase in demand for signs and the variety of users requesting them. With the new online request form it allows the landowner relations wardens to contact the people requesting the signs and get an idea of why they are requesting the signs, are they having any landowner issues? The use of alternating purple paint/signs will be encouraged, not only is it cost effective but it may also look nicer than a plastic sign every 100ft. One of the board members stated they have seen and heard of our plastic signs being used in the State of New Hampshire, Kris said he may look into this as the signs are meant to be used in the State of Maine.
- Conclusion of meeting, one goal is to communicate with large landowners and groups to discuss the mission of the board. Landowners are Maine’s number one asset.

Meeting schedule for 2026:

February 4, 2026@1PM (Main Office Augusta)

May 6, 2026: Place and time TBD

September 2, 2026: Place and time TBD

December 16, 2026: Main Office Augusta- Time TBD

End of Meeting

5:20PM