

Workshop Summary

This is a free workshop created to provide information to property owners residing on privately owned roads, including private roads with public easements. The purpose of the workshop is to inform property owners in two general areas; Road Maintenance and Road Ownership Rights and Responsibilities. The first segment will be an informational session on the legal issues pertaining to responsibilities and liabilities as they pertain to residing on a private road. This will be presented by Jim Katsiaficas of the law firm Perkins / Thompson.

Mr. Katsiaficas will be discussing the limitations and options regarding private roads. This includes information on why and how a road association is formed, how to maintain a road association, and information on recent legislation pertaining to road association fees; assessment and collection. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion.

The second segment of the workshop will be an informational session on road maintenance. This will be presented by Clyde Walton who will be discussing general unpaved road maintenance issues including how to create proper road drainage, installing culverts, and how to tackle road problems like potholes and washboard.

There will also be an opportunity to attend a demonstration of a Front Runner. This equipment is a road grader/rake that fits onto a snowplow mount. Participants of this demonstration will be certified to rent the Front Runner at the extremely low cost of \$50 per week.

Who should attend this workshop? Any person who has questions or concerns about the condition of their private road, current road association members, and private road residents that may be interested in forming a road association.

Workshop Agenda

9:30 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.

Registration

10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Private Road Legal Issues & Information

Jim Katsiaficas

12:00 p.m.— 12:30 p.m.

Light Lunch

12:30 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

Maintenance of Private Roads

Clyde Walton



2:00 p.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Front Runner Demonstration

(Optional)

Clyde Walton is retired from the Maine Department of Transportation. He has been a part of the Department of Environmental Protection Stakeholders group for camp roads. Clyde is also on the Board of Directors for the 30 Mile Watershed Member of the Kennebec Land Trust.



James N. Katsiaficas, Esq. is a director in the Portland law firm of Perkins Thompson. He chairs the Firm's Land Use Law Practice Group, and advises public and private sector clients in the areas of municipal, land use, zoning, environmental and administrative law. Prior to joining Perkins Thompson, Jim was a Senior Staff Attorney for the Maine Municipal Association; he previously was a director in a Portland law firm and an Associate Corporation Counsel for the City of Portland. He is a member of the Maine State Bar Association's Administrative Law, Municipal Law, Natural Resources and Environmental Law (past Chair) and Public Sector and Government Lawyers' (past Chair) sections, and was State Chair of the International Municipal Lawyers Association. Jim is a graduate of the University of Vermont and of the University of Maine School of Law.

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August 15, 2008

Please register the following person(s) for the Unpaved Road Maintenance Workshop.

Full Name:

Address:

Telephone No.:

Email:

Pre-Registration is required. Please Register by August 8, 2008

Mail Registration Form to:

Denice Turner
City of Ellsworth
1 City Hall Plaza
Ellsworth, ME 04605

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