



MAINE ALLIANCE FOR ROAD ASSOCIATIONS (MARA) presents:

The Maine Private Road Association Conference

Saturday, October 2, 2021

8:45am-3:30pm

Maple Hill Farm Inn and Conference Center

11 Inn Road

Hallowell, Maine 04347

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AVPortland: Virtual (Zoom) Attendance

Conference Workshops:

“Road Safety Issues and Repairing and Maintaining Gravel Roads”: by Peter Coughlan. He will speak to our attendees on the topics of road safety and road maintenance. Our members have expressed an interest in safety issues such as speeding, abuse by ATVs, possible signage for safety, and obstructions of the road creating safety hazards.

“Legal Aspects of Administrative Operations”: by Attorneys Mary Denison of Lake & Denison, Winthrop, Maine, and John Cunningham of Eaton Peabody, Brunswick, Maine. They will present on topics related to the Private Ways Statutes, 23 M. R. S. §§3101-3104 including formation and continued operations of non-profit and statutory road associations, easements required of road associations to allow winter plowing, culverts, ditches, and right-of ways, information regarding collection efforts for delinquent owners, extensions, member voting, and liability protection provided by the statutes.

“Insurance Products for Private Road Associations” by Nannette Marble, Hub International Insurance. She will discuss insurance products for private road associations –what’s covered and what is not covered; what we need, what’s available, and affordability. What to look for in an agent; what to look out for to prevent being taken advantage of.

“The Role of Mediation in Conflict Resolution” by Will Van Twisk, Professional Mediator. He will speak interactively to our attendees on the topic of conflict resolution for private road associations, addressing some of the scenarios we commonly see, giving us some of the basics on dispute resolution.

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**Safety for attendees at Maple Hill Farm Conference Center is paramount.** Maple Hill ownership and MARA leaders are committed to current safe practices. We will be monitoring Maine CDC Guidelines for COVID-19 safe practices right up until and during Event check-in, while seated in conference, and for your individually prepared boxed lunches. As of July 15, for COVID, Maple Hill has no special restrictions for attendance numbers from Maine CDC and can accommodate 30 people at Carriage House, our 672 sq. ft. meeting room. MARA has decided to limit attendance to 20 in-person attendees plus the 4 Speakers and the A-V person. This number may be changed based on safety concerns or registration numbers. Carriage House has multiple patio doors, and excellent continuous ventilation for your safety and comfort. Please call or email us with questions.

*AV Portland* will provide a professional virtual experience that will allow for ample presenter/audience interaction by both in-person and virtual attendees.

Register online at: <https://www.maineroads.org/page-1856239> Full payment only, no partial payments.

MARA members only: each \$30.00

Guests (non-members): \$40.00

Late registration for Members is \$40 and for Guests is \$50.00 after August 31, 2021.

No cancellations or refunds after August 31, 2021, except that due to the degree of uncertainty surrounding the course of the COVID-19 pandemic and its potential effects on event registration, we must reserve the option to cancel the conference up until Wednesday September 22, 2021. If it becomes necessary to cancel the event, all registration fees will be promptly returned.

If you have any questions on the Event, please contact Roberta Manter at [roadways@juno.com](mailto:roadways@juno.com) or call 685-9846; questions on the registration process or event safety contact Sandy Allen, President/Web Administrator, at [info@maineroads.org](mailto:info@maineroads.org) .