

# **MALSCE** News

A monthly Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers member newsletter.

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MALSCE Sustaining Members: Airworks Solutions, Inc., Beals and Thomas Inc., Bluesky Geospatial Limited, Carlson Software, CivilView, Inc., DGT Associates, Eastern Topographics, Feldman Land Surveyors, Keystone Precision Instruments, Maine Technical Source, Samiotes Consultants Inc., Smart Vent, Inc., Spiller's, Waypoint Technology Group, Wentworth Institute of Technology

# A Glimpse Into the History of Land Survey in Middlesex County

The Hopkinton Town Clerk has scanned and made publicly available a mini-registry of deeds for the towns of Hopkinton and Upton that was operational between 1743 and 1833.

There are 18 volumes along with an index available on <u>Google Drive</u>. The books are numbered 1-12 and 14-19 to avoid the bad luck associated with the number 13.

# Upcoming Events

# Fall MALSCE Board of Directors Meeting and Dinner

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 O'Connor's Restaurant and Bar Worcester, MA 01606 5:30 - 6:30 PM Registration &

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# First MALSCE Webinar is a Success

MALSCE held it's first ever webinar on Friday, September 20, 2019. "Understanding UAV Use in Surveying Applications" taught by Raymond J. Hintz, PLS, PhD, University of Maine attracted nearly forty registrants from all over the country. MALSCE's new webinar series allows members to learn from well known presenters without having to leave the office or or even your home. MALSCE is planning on holding these webinars on a monthly basis so be sure to check one out. October's webinar "The Future of State Plane Coordinates" is scheduled for Friday, October 18. If you have any recommendations for potential webinar topics, send them to <a href="mailto:malsce@engineers.org">malsce@engineers.org</a>.

# MALSCE Education Trust Scholarship Applications Now Available

The MALSCE Education Trust was founded to enhance the profession of land surveying and civil engineering in Massachusetts by providing Reception; 6:30 - 7:30 PM Dinner 7:30 - 9:00 PM Feature Presentation & MALSCE Board of Directors Meeting

Feature Presentation:
Advanced Remote Sensing for
Disaster Recovery
Chad Council, Humanitarian
Assistance and Disaster Relief
(HADR) Systems Group, MIT Lincoln
Laboratory

Join us for the annual fall MALSCE
Board of Directors Dinner Meeting,
which also doubles as a joint meeting
with MALSCE's Central and Eastern
Massachusetts Chapter. Come enjoy
great food and networking with your
peers as you hear reports on
MALSCE's latest undertakings and a
featured presentation on Advanced
Remote Sensing for Disaster
Recovery. Chad Council from MIT
Lincoln Laboratory will provide an
overview about how they are applying
Geiger-Mode Ladar to assist in
disaster recovery.

**Learn More** 

### Professional Land Surveyor Refresher Course

Saturday, October 5, 2019 Boston, MA 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

MALSCE is offering a day-long review course for Professional Land Surveyor candidates who are planning to take the Principles and Practice of Surveying Exam in the fall.

Subjects to be Covered:

- 250 CMR
- Subdivision Control Law/Zoning
- Exam Format and Preparation
- Massachusetts Boundary Law/Statutes.

**Learn More** 

scholarship and education grants for the students of land surveying and civil engineering who are Massachusetts residents. The Trust is currently accepting applications for three scholarships, detailed below.

The Survey Certificate Program Scholarship is awarded to students currently enrolled in an accredited Land Surveying Certificate Program.

The Memorial Scholarships are awarded to students presently enrolled full time (days) as an undergraduate in an accredited college, university, junior college, technical institute or community college and majoring in land surveying, civil engineering, or environmental engineering.

The UMaine Scholarship is awarded to a Massachusetts resident who is an incoming freshman (or transfer student) enrolled in the University of Maine Surveying Engineering Technology program (SET/SVT).

The application deadline for these scholarships is October 31, 2019.

For more information, including the requirements and applications to all of the above listed scholarships, <u>click here</u>.

# Renew Your MALSCE Membership Today

MALSCE leaders would like to thank all MALSCE dues-paying members who have paid their fiscal year 2020 dues. Second dues notices were sent out in early September. Your timely payment helps ensure that MALSCE has the financial support that is needed to sustain its operations.

Prompt payment of your dues invoice will ensure that you continue to receive the numerous benefits that MALSCE has to offer through June 30, 2020. If you did not receive or retain your MALSCE dues invoice or you have any questions, please email <a href="mailto:malsce@engineers.org">malsce@engineers.org</a>.

# Save the Date for these Upcoming MALSCE Events

# The Future of State Plane Coordinates

Friday, October 18, 2019
MALSCE Webinar
Featuring:
Daniel J. Martin
Northeast Regional Geodetic
Advisor, NOAA/NOS/National
Geodetic Survey

Look to future MALSCE Emails for more information

### The Eleventh Annual Legal Perspectives on Land Surveying

Friday, January 31, 2020 Conference Center at Waltham Woods, Waltham, MA

This popular day long program with once again feature a panel of distinguished attorneys examining the latest legal issues impacting the land surveying profession.

# 2020 MALSCE Convention

Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14, 2020 Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Leominster, Leominster, MA

The Convention Planning Committee is hard at work developing the program for the 2020 MALSCE Convention.

# MALSCE Welcomes New Sustaining Member

MALSCE would like to welcome Beals and Thomas Inc. as its newest Sustaining Member and thank the following Sustaining Members for returning for the 2019-2020 fiscal year:

Airworks

Bluesky Geospacial Ltd.

Eastern Topographics

Feldman Land Surveyors

Keystone Precision Instruments

Maine Technical Source

Samiotes Consultants Inc

Smart Vent, Inc.

Spiller's

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Promote your company or educational institution to over 350 MALSCE members and demonstrate your support of the land surveying profession by becoming a MALSCE Sustaining Member today! To learn more, **click here**.

## **Proprietors' Council Meeting**

On Friday, September 13th, MALSCE Proprietors' Council members held their first luncheon meeting of the current fiscal year at the Aldrich Center, which is located at The Engineering Center in Boston. Proprietors' Council Chair Michael A. Feldman, Feldman Land Surveyors, presided over this luncheon meeting which featured a discussion of business and employment trends as well as legislative and regulatory matters impacting the land surveying profession. Council members also discussed planned MALSCE undertakings including MALSCE webinars, the 2020 convention, which will once again feature a Proprietors' Council-hosted roundtable discussion, and MALSCE President Darren Hardy's plans for improving member engagement. The next Council luncheon meeting will likely occur sometime after the first of the year.

With member benefits that extend beyond the current fiscal year there is still time to join the MALSCE Proprietors' Council. To learn about all Proprietors' Council member benefits and to join the council **click here**.

# **NSPS News**

### Stolen Equipment Continues to Plague Surveyors Nationwide

NSPS continues to track the theft of surveying equipment throughout the country. There is a <u>"Stolen</u>

<u>Equipment"</u> section on their website.

Take time to learn more about what can be done and what is being done when thefts occur.

# MALSCE Government Affairs Update - September 2019

Click here to learn more about the Emergency Dig-Safe Regulations issued by the DPU and how to submit your comments, contacting your Massachusetts Legislators and asking them to support our Dig Safe Bill, the Transportation Bond Bill, and updates from the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors.

# MALSCE News is Seeking Topical Articles

Did you have a particularly challenging project? Have a technical matter to discuss? Do you have a perspective on the profession you'd like to share? Your colleagues are waiting to learn from your experience. Submit an article for publication in MALSCE News. MALSCE is seeking topical articles for publication in future issues of MALSCE News. While we cannot promise to print everything submitted, if you've written something you'd like to share with your fellow MALSCE members, forward it to **Rich Keenan**.

### **Classified Advertisements**

# Survey Party Chiefs, Field Technicians, and Office Technicians

Beals and Thomas Inc. is currently seeking responsible, highly motivated, and detail-oriented individuals to join our Land Surveying Department. We are celebrating 35 years of providing high quality survey, civil engineering, planning, permitting and environmental services to a wide variety of public and private clients. We are pursuing dedicated and engaged individuals to work collaboratively as part of our multidisciplinary team to address land conservation and development challenges.

We offer highly competitive compensation, signing bonus, and a comprehensive benefits package including company-sponsored health and dental insurance, long-term and short-term disability insurance, and 2X annual salary life insurance. Also included are paid sick time, holidays and vacation days, plus a 401(k) plan with company match.

Ideal candidates possess leadership abilities to manage survey assignments in the field and provide office survey support.

We are actively recruiting for the following positions:

- o Survey Party Chiefs
- o Field Technicians
- o Office Technicians

If you are ambitious, take pride in your work, and are seeking to advance your career, we encourage you to apply to join our team.

To learn more about us and the positions offered as well as to apply, please visit our website: www.bealsandthomas.com

# Land Survey AutoCAD Technician / Project Surveyor - \$1500 Signing Bonus

If you are a Survey Tech-AutoCAD Drafter, or a Project Surveyor with a minimum of 5 years of SURVEYING experience looking for a great firm, please send us your resume!

Please note that this posting is for someone with 5 years of experience using AutoCAD to produce survey plans and calculations.

Feldman Land Surveyors is searching for experienced Survey Technicians and Project Surveyors to join our firm to prepare survey plans in our Boston and Worcester offices. Knowledge of Carlson software, survey calculations, research, Revit and background in field work is a plus.

Responsibilities: Perform work in AutoCAD for drafting for boundary surveys, ALTA/NSPS Land Title surveys, existing conditions, construction surveys as well as all other types of surveys. You will have an opportunity to learn about 3D Laser Scanning and Revit modeling if the interest is there!

Benefits that are available include competitive pay, paid holidays, vacation time, sick/personal days, medical, dental, short and long term disability insurance, tuition reimbursement, company gym and parking. 401K plan with up to 4% company match is available after 90 days.

We are a 3rd generation family owned business dedicated to providing a respectful work environment that also understands work/life balance.

Please contact careers@feldmansurveyors.com with all inquiries.

### Positions Available for Staff & Project Surveyors

Want to work in Boston?.....Hancock Associates has immediate openings for Staff & Project Surveyors in our new Boston office!

Want to get out of Boston?.....Hancock Associates has immediate openings for Staff & Project Surveyors in our Marlborough office!

All candidates must have experience in surveying including ALTA, existing conditions, Land Court, GPS, construction layout, settlement monitoring, lot stakings, etc. for projects including high profile developments, commercial, residential, infrastructure as well as lot surveys, and plot plans. Requires excellent communication skills and candidates must be career driven and team players. We offer tremendous variety of project scope, size, intricacy and location.

Hancock Associates offers exceptional growth potential, Medical insurance, 401K, paid holidays and vacation, and a professional work environment.

Qualified candidates should send cover letter, salary requirements, desired position, and resume to Hancock Associates, 185 Centre Street, Danvers, MA 01923 or email us at <a href="https://hrc.nc/hr

### **Advertise In MALSCE News**

If your company has a job opening that it would like to promote, please <u>click here</u> for information about advertising in MALSCE News and on the MALSCE website.

MALSCE News is a monthly publication of the Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers that is produced by Emily Devane, Abbie Goodman, and Richard Keenan with thanks to MALSCE President Darren Hardy. This newsletter highlights the program and activities of MALSCE and reports on national and local matters of interest to land surveyors and civil engineers. While we cannot promise to print all news items that we receive, if you have one to share with your fellow MALSCE members please forward it to Rich Keenan at rkeenan@engineers.org.

### Questions or comments?

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