<u>Guiding Principles of the LURC Study Commission</u> <u>Agreed to on Sept. 22, 2011</u>

- That our Vision is to honor Maine's natural resource economy (21st century eco-agrarian economy);
- That sound planning, permitting, zoning and appeals principles will persist;
- To maintain strong environmental protections;
- To encourage and facilitate regional economic viability;
- That residents and property owners in the Unorganized Territories (UT) will have significant input and impact (have a say in their own destiny);
- To ensure uniform standards across all regions for forest management, wildlife, agriculture, and water quality;
- To provide excellent customer service and communications;
- To recognize private ownership/public values (broad state interests/uniqueness of UT) and public costs;
- That what the LURC Reform Commission develops will stand the test of time.