

Map Board Meeting
10/05/07
Minutes

Attending: Beth DellaValle, Anne Krieg, Jim Fisher, Maureen O'Meara, Stacy Benjamin, Helen Edmonds, Hughe Coxe, Steve Condon, Judy Colby-George, Linda Johns

Next Meeting: Friday, November 2nd

Augusta site will be Pierce Atwood

Minute: Revise Rebecca's name

Approved as amended

Presidents Report

Presentation on Informed Growth Act at MMA Convention went well

- Eight planners attended, nine others attended
- Matt Nazar asked that the presentations be placed on the MAP website
- Helen's presentation was balanced
- Peggy's presentation was based on preliminary forms the Informed Growth coalition prepared to assist communities with their responsibilities under the Act
 - Her forms are on the website
 - Link to the website – with disclaimer about her law firm not being liable for the content of the forms
 - MAP does not
 - Planners are encouraged to consult with their town attorneys

- Helen disagrees with some of the interpretation of the Act included in the forms

MAP should consider being involved in MMA Convention in the future. We'll need to decide a topic in May even without knowing.

Meeting Schedule - Legislative committee

- Spoke with MacGregor Stocco – has agreed to participate in or lead the legislative policy committee
- Beth noted that, traditionally, the VP has chaired the committee and that she had assumed she would take on that responsibility when she agreed to be VP
 - She would like to chair the committee and would welcome Mac Stocco's help.
 - She is tracking various task force and carry-over activities from the last session
 - She can send summaries to the membership by email.
- This session will be less busy than last year
- Next discussion about the legislative policy committee and confirmation of January 11th meeting of the membership will be at November 2nd Board meeting
- May not be useful for membership to meet until after the titles have been submitted
- Maureen would like to have a legislative committee meeting on Friday, January 11th at Pierce Atwood in Augusta (Board meeting is January 4th)

Membership

Jim reported 102 current members, 37 from last year need some encouragement.

Website / List serve

Jim noted new jobs and conference announcements, but no major changes in the web site.

Newsletter

Nice job getting it out

Need to have at least one article from each board member.

Articles

Recapping NNECAPA - Contact Rebecca with your NNECAPA articles

No Maine Planners meeting is planned at this time.

Southern New England Conference - SNECAPA

Display Board

- Has been purchased by Beth with MAP funds.
- Judy Colby George has volunteered to print some graphics for the board
- Might have some sample pages from MAP award winning plans
- Judy Colby-George will send sample PDF's to the group

Continuing Education

- Five Units were purchased by NNECAPA – the units will be hosted in various states
- Maine will host “design guidelines for small communities” – March ???
- Other sessions in other states will include density (SPO is likely to purchase it)
- MAP needs to find a location with web casting capacity
 - Muskie School could host this too (Hugh)
 - UMaine system might work
 - A facilitated discussion should follow.
- Kathy Fuller will provide an AICP report in November
- Professional Development Workshop
 - Beth – suggests that we have a training session on Informed Growth for professional and lay planners
 - More detailed than MMA
 - Documentation will be refined and distributed
 - Handbook, which will hopefully be vetted within the Maine planning community should also be available
 - Form-Based Zoning is another potential topic if people are willing to work on it
 - Judy – suggests URISSA workshop on Introduction to using GIS for public participation and/or GIS Tools for the Planning Process
 - Judy – repeating her seminar on using GIS in the Planning Process – Wells Reserve
 - Judy – would offer the GIS workshops at no charge. URISSA charges a few hundred for their materials.
 - Hugh mentioned interest in the “Form Based Zoning” topic
- Scheduling
 - January or February - Beth - Informed Growth Act
 - April or May – Judy – either of the GIS topics

- **Motion** – that MAP should support efforts to host workshops if Beth and Judy are willing to organize them
 - No or minimal charge for attending
 - MAP underwrites costs up to \$500 for each workshop
 - Attempt to engage other groups in collaboration to offer the workshops
 - Motion passed without dissent

Website Sponsors

Jim – *moved* to pursue sponsorships for MAP workshops and conferences and offer web-presence as a benefit. The motion passed without dissent.

Special Project Funding

Maureen spoke with Fred

- MAP has a budget \$8,500
- Budget buffer account \$2,500
- Money Market \$12,500

Maureen suggests that half the money market go into the reserve account.

- The balance might be used for programming.
- Hiring staff would consume the funds in about one year.

Will see how funds can also support AICP Certification Maintenance

Maureen will talk with Fred about shifting money.

Maureen will post a message to the MAP list serve to see if others have ideas for use of the funds.

Beth, we might also pay for someone to do the logistics for organizing workshops.

Other Items

No new business.

Anne *moves* to adjourn the meeting.