

**Maine Association of Planners
Board Meeting
Friday, February 6, 2009**

Locations:

Augusta (Pearce Atwood)
Yarmouth,(Hugh Coxe)
Bar Harbor (Municipal Building)

Members present: Maureen O'Meara, Beth Della Valle, Hugh Coxe, Rebecca Shaffner, Mac Stocco, Noel Musson, Linda Johns, Stephen Condon, Anne Krieg

Minutes

1. *Minutes from meeting 1/9/2008 were approved by a motion from Steve and a second from Linda.*

2. **Website update**

Judy is not present, so this item was tabled to next meeting.

3. **LPC update**

Beth Della Valle reviewed the bills pending for review by the Legislative Policy Committee. She noted that it will be important to get this information on the website. The handbook also needs to get on the website. The legislative tutorial will be prepared for the Lending Library and the website. The short list is over 90 items long on what is important to watch. They are not watching bond issues. The Site Law changes are being reviewed by a sub-committee. The other bill is the Transit Bill is one that the committee wants to be more proactive upon.

Maureen opened a discussion on MAP's role on bills. She is concerned that MAP will take a similar role as MMA. The group discussed the role of the state on land use legislation for municipalities to follow. Sentiments included concerns about too much of a role in government, smaller communities needing support from the government, and regional areas having dissimilar policies.

4. **Awards Committee Update**

Anne sent the forms for the newsletter and a committee is formed. The committee will review the applications prior to the April MAP Board meeting.

5. Newsletter

Rebecca noted the deadline was extended. She will prepare the newsletter. She is also seeking to re-draft and re-format the newsletter to align with the website design.

6. NNE-CAPA Conference 2009

Rebecca is looking for the facility. There is a committee. Facilities needs require further coordination, as well as food, promotion materials, and other items.

Next Tuesday is the next sub-committee meeting. Maureen expressed concern on timing for confirming locations. A budget needs to be pulled together as well as a call for presentation. Sponsors also need to be solicited.

7. Annual meeting

The group discussed what will happen at the meeting.

Maureen agreed to organize the location for the meeting in Portland. Different speakers were discussed. Another option discussed is to start in the afternoon and then have an event at a local establishment. Different locations were discussed.

Hugh offered to assist Maureen in the location logistics.

The theme was agreed upon as "the past and the future of planning in Maine". The date will be June 12th beginning in the early afternoon and then going into the evening.

8. CPC Grant

Stacy was not present so this was tabled to the following month.

It was noted the deadline was fast approaching for this grant.

9. Nominations Committee

Beth will form a committee. Board members need to alert Beth if they want to continue to serve on the Board another year.

10. Other

Beth discussed an email about the Congress for New Urbanism's New England Chapter. She asked if the Board would like to co-sponsor to obtain fee credits and/or financial sponsorship.

Noel moved to sponsor the conference, making a financial contribution to cover the costs of the AICP credit pursuit. Steve seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Beth moved to make a financial contribution to the event. Steve seconded the motion.

It was noted that we should get a report from the Treasurer. We also need to know what they need.

Beth and Steve amended their motion to include the amount \$300.

The motion passed with Maureen, Mac, and Hugh opposed the motion

Steve questioned if there was adequate funding for the NNE-CAPA planning.

11. Next scheduled meeting - March 6, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

These minutes were prepared by Anne Krieg, Maine Association of Planners Board member for Board consideration at their March 6, 2009 meeting.