

**Maine Association of Planners
Board Meeting
Minutes**

DATE: **Friday, May 8, 2009**
TIME: **10:30 a.m.**
PLACE: Augusta (Pierce Atwood)
Yarmouth, (Hugh's office)
Bar Harbor (Anne's conference room)

Members present: Maureen O'Meara, Hugh Coxe, Judy Colby-George, Rebecca Shaffner, Beth Della Valle, Jane La Fleur, Stacey Benjamin, Anne Krieg, Linda Johns and Stephen Condon

1. MINUTES FROM MEETING 4/10/2008

Beth moved to approve the minutes with a second from Judy. All were in favor of the motion with exception of an abstention from Jane.

2. ANNUAL MEETING - MAUREEN AND HUGH

Deposit was sent to the location, they need number confirmation by June 5th

A mailing for the conference and membership was discussed as to whether it should be repeated. Jane can do a postcard mailing to save on postage, referring to people to the website to joining and attend. Linda has a membership list with "stragglers" from previous years. Linda can send an email to the stragglers to save money. She can send the list to Jane but will need some formatting assistance to export the data.

Maureen will re-connect with speakers later in the month.

3. BUDGET - FRED

No comments on the budget. It will be sent forward for the membership to vote upon.

4. LPC UPDATE - BETH

Beth updated the group on the current work sessions on bills in Augusta.

She focused on the role of Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) on current legislation as to Transit Tax Increment Financing (TTIF). At issue is the land use requirement as part of the TTIF that DECD wants to remove from the legislation. She reviewed the contents of an email she had sent to committee members which shall be entered in to the record of these minutes. She asked Linda and Steve to call the Penobscot representative on this bill and she needs someone to ask the Augusta representative. The group discussed the contents of the bill and the land use requirements. It was noted that MAP need to connect with economic development organizations to align our impressions of bills that affect planning and economic development.

She noted that the committee had taken on so many bills, in part, because there were so many of interest to planning. The committee is exhausted from the work. It was generally agreed that the committee needs to prioritize their work to prevent an overload of efforts and a loss of interest.

5. NEWSLETTER - REBECCA

Group agreed that a great job was done on the newsletter.

August is the next newsletter. Rebecca noted that the deadline is crucial because NNE-CAPA is in September.

6. CONFERENCE 2009 - REBECCA

Committee has met; there is no current sponsorship. Sessions are coming together; the committee is coordinating them. Food and reception have not been confirmed. The Boathouse is not under consideration because it is not good for sessions and it can be cold if the weather is cold. The Waterfall Arts Center is currently being looked at for the reception. It is located 256 High Street.

Stacey offered to help set up the reception.

A save the date or some other notification about the upcoming dates for the conference was discussed; the Annual MAP meeting will be used as a way to let Maine planners know it is coming.

7. WEBSITE UPDATE - JUDY

Judy will be trained as to how to keep up the website. It is almost completed; she is asking for comments on format, design and functionality only and not content. Maureen asked if the website could be completed before the Annual Meeting so

it can be announced and recognized and to thank Jim Fisher for his service to the MAP on the website.

8. FAICP - REBECCA

There is a list of Maine planners that are subject to possible nomination for a Fellow in AICP. We had previously tried to nominate JT Lockman and it was not accepted. The process for nomination was discussed. No action was taken. The Chair indicated MAP will not lead the effort to nominate, but we will consider anyone seeking the nomination.

9. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - LINDA

119 current members.

We have 59 people that are “stragglers”; she will send an email to ask for them to become members again. She sends a reminder email to people in July for those previous members who had renewed.

10. OTHER - BOARD MEMBERS

Jane reviewed the work of the Orton Foundation and of the Friends of Midcoast Maine speaker on June 4th in the evening (5:30-8:30). If MAP will help sponsor, MAP members can come under the Friends’ member rate.

Steve moved with a second from Anne to sponsor at the associate level at \$500. All were in favor with an abstention from Jane.

Beth received a letter of thanks from the Congress of New Urbanism New England chapter for our sponsorship for AICP credits.

She also discussed her work on AICP credit, that is, registering of sessions. She is looking for assistance on this effort. Kat Fuller should be contacted. It was noted that there should be an AICP sub-committee to handle these issues.

Maureen noted that the June meeting is not a Board meeting and she offered that we will not need a July meeting but we will need an August meeting. It was decided that the August meeting should be the lunch meeting. Different locations were discussed and it was decided that tentatively Judy’s camp – Stacey, Rebeccah in Waldoboro. The date will be August 14th at lunchtime.

11. *Next scheduled meeting -Annual meeting, June 12th, 2009*

11:50 AM adjournment by acclamation of the President.

Minutes prepared by Board member Anne Krieg of Bar Harbor