



MINUTES
General Membership Meeting

June 9, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

Mainely Brews, One Post Office Square, Downtown Waterville

1. Rodney Lynch, Vice President Rodney opened the meeting at 6:40.

Present: Rodney Lynch, Tony Levesque, Steve Dyer, Darryl Sterling, Jon Edgerton, Kelley Race, Gail Chase, Tammy Knight, Mary Ann Hayes, Jamie Francomano, Claudia Lowd, Jeff Nichols and Shannon Haines.

2. Shannon Haines gave a brief presentation of Waterville's Main Street Projects.

3. Rodney asked everyone to introduce themselves.

4. Review of the May 6, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Steve Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Mary Ann Hayes seconded the motion, there was no discussion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

5. Treasurer's Report

Tony Levesque made a motion to table the Treasurer's Report. Darryl Sterling seconded the motion, there was no discussion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

6. Discussion items

- A. MMA Convention - The Annual Meeting will be held on October 6, 2011 at Margarita's in Augusta at 12:00 noon. Tony Levesque is going to take care of logistics. Al Smith is to prepare a Slate of Officers for the meeting. Discussion followed on manning the booth during the convention. Tammy stated that there will be an area reserved for the usual booths. Mary Ann Hayes mentioned that Jeff Nichols from her office may be helpful in reviewing the display for updates.

Mary Ann Hayes made a motion to have Maine Rural Partners, Suzie Paradis and Joella Theriault review the display and suggest updates. Gail Chase seconded the motion, there was no discussion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- B. MMA Convention - Workshop Sessions. Mary Ann Hayes gave an overview of the two fifty minute sessions. The first session will discuss the Efficiency Maine Programs as over 75 Communities in Maine are participating in the PACE program. Both PACE and programs for businesses and municipalities will be covered. The second session will discuss Energy Options showcasing energy innovations – geothermal, biomass, solar,

wind and efficiency. There was some discussion on the timelines for the sessions. Margaret Noel at MMA is working to schedule us on Thursday morning with the fewest obvious attendee conflicts. Gail Chase will serve as timekeeper to keep speakers on track. The cost of the meal for the Annual Meeting was also discussed. The consensus was to have the individuals responsible for their own expenses.

7. Update from DECD/OCD

Tammy Knight informed everyone that Mike Baran has retired and that Deborah Johnson is now the Deputy Director. The MITF projects are wrapping up and Riverfront Projects are almost completed. NSP Projects and Downtown Projects are progressing well. At reduced staffing levels the office is trying to more efficient in the delivery of programs.

Communities for Maine's Future had 35 invitations to apply sent out and it is estimated to fund 9 projects.

DECD/OCD is scheduling a meeting on June 24th. This is a very important meeting to discuss the future of the CDBG Program in Maine. Tammy passed out three handouts to compare the 2011 Projected, 2011 Actual, 2012 Estimated and the 2012 recommended funding levels and copies of letters seeking suggestions from stakeholders and TA providers.

Discussion followed on the need to schedule an MCDA Teleconference before the June 24th meeting to best consider the recommendations to make to the Office on the 2012 Program Statement. Tammy also suggested that this year's application schedule will be delayed a couple of months.

Appreciation Day is scheduled to be held on September 16, 2011 in Augusta.

8. Other Business

Mary Ann Hayes and Jeff Nichols gave a presentation on Maine Rural Partners Inspire ME Initiative that will be launched the Downtown Conference on Friday June 10th. Jeff outlined the project using computer generated images showcasing reports available on line. MCDA members are encouraged to use and contribute case studies of community development innovation on the site, especially demonstrating impacts and leverage of the CDBG program. www.mainerural.org/inspireme.

Darryl Sterling gave some brief comments on his Richmond Efforts that included a TV Piece. Darryl informed the group that he now going to be the Executive Director of the Central Maine Growth Council located in Waterville.

Gail Chase made a motion to adjourn, Steve Dyer seconded the motion, there was no discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Levesque
Acting Recording Secretary