

MAINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
General Meeting
Friday, June 13, 2008

The Maine Community Development Association held a general meeting on Friday, June 13, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please see the attached sign-in sheet for members present.

DECD's Commissioner Richardson provided a brief outline on historic tax credits and the CDBG program in regards to redevelopment of older buildings in Maine.

1. CALL TO ORDER: T. Levesque called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. PRESENTATION BY DIANA HUOT, HUD OPERATIONS SPECIALIST: There are five communities in the State of Maine that are designated as "Preserve America" communities. The "Preserve America" program is a White House initiative that is administered by the Department of Interior. There are nine agencies having specific responsibilities for this initiative. For example, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is responsible for providing outreach services. Ms. Huot presented a power point presentation on this initiative (copy attached).
3. PRESENTATION ON THE NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION: Members of the legislative delegation provided an overview of this program. The Farm Bill was passed creating the Northern Border Regional Commission. There are two categories: 1. Authorized and Funded and 2. Authorized and Not Funded. The Northern Border Regional Commission falls in category two. Funding is authorized for \$30 million annually for FY08 to FY12; however funding is not anticipated until FY10. This Commission is made up of five people (1 Federal Co-chairperson and the Governors of 4 States – Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York). A power point presentation was also provided as part of this presentation (copy attached).
4. REVIEW OF APRIL 25, 2008 MEETING MINUTES: Moved by P. Bernier and seconded by S. Dyer to approve the meeting minutes with the stipulation that if anyone had questions, comments, or edits to contact J. Theriault. Motion passed unanimously.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: As reported by R. Harriman:

Revenues – As of June 13, 2008	\$2,107.00
Year-To-Date Revenues	\$10,518.00
Expenditures – Month of June 13, 2008	\$1,709.00

Year-To-Date Expenditures	\$2,357.00
Net Income	\$8,161.00
Fund Balance	\$8,955.00

Moved by P. Bernier and seconded by J. Theriault to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: President Levesque stated that he had received some correspondence since the last meeting. Anyone interested in reviewing the correspondence should contact him.
7. REPORT OF COMMITTEES: Due to lack of time, not reporting was done at this meeting, except that J. Theriault did ask for articles for the newsletter. Possible articles: Energy Summit – Contact Skip Babineau RC&D.
8. REPORT ON MMA CONVENTION PLANS: MCDA met with Mike Starns of MMA regarding the annual convention. The theme for this convention is "Think Green", "Finding Funding", and "Historic Preservation". MMA is asking all affiliates to be under their "umbrella" and would like MCDA to moderate some panel discussions. MCDA came up with some ideas; i.e. first session talk about historic tax credits and what the legislative rules mean to us and the second session could perhaps talk about how we would use the tax credits. This item will be discussed further at the next MCDA meeting, which is scheduled to occur on CDBG Appreciation Day on Friday, August 22.
9. UPDATE FROM DECD/OCD: President Levesque reported that he was appointed to serve on the Riverfront bond. To date, two drafts of the \$2.5 million bond has been circulated. The manner in which these bond funds will be distributed throughout the State has not yet been finalized. A third draft will be presented next week. Once the rules have been developed and approved, applications for funding should be available sometime in August.
10. OTHER: None at this time.
11. LUNCH:

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon

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