



**General Membership Teleconference**  
**Thursday, May 1, 2014**  
 10:00 a.m.

The MCDA General Membership Meeting was held via teleconference call. In attendance were:

Darryl Sterling, MCDA President  
 Joella R. Theriault, MCDA Secretary  
 Tom Martin, MCDA Director  
 Gail Chase, MCDA Director  
 Tony Levesque, MCDA Member

Tim Curtis, Town of Madison  
 Stephen Dyer, MCDA Director  
 Glen Ohlund, MCDA Member  
 Rodney Lynch, Town of Thomaston

- I. **Call To Order:** Darryl Sterling, MCDA President, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
- II. **April 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes:** . Moved by Tony Levesque to approve the meeting minutes as amended; seconded by Steve Dyer. Minutes approved.
  - Remove from IV (b), ... with assistance from Rodney Lynch.....
  - Clarify that there is no longer an expiration date on Grant Administration Certificates; however, all new grantees must attend the Implementation Workshop in order to obtain a certificate.
  - Clarify that Economic Development Letters of Intent are due May 2 and full applications are due by May 28.
  - Clarify that Brian Hodges suggested that MCDA seek out a speaker for Housing TIF discussion, but did not provide the name of any speaker.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Matt Eddy was unable to attend the teleconference, but communicated via e-mail that there were no new updates at this time. Moved by Tony Levesque to table this item; seconded by Tom Martin. Motion passed.
- IV. **Follow-up meeting with Gail Chase and Rodney Lynch on the housing workshop scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Seadog Conference Center in Bangor:**
  - a. Gail Chase and Deborah Johnson have commitments from six individuals to speak at the Seadog Conference Center regarding affordable housing and are planning 3 sessions – 2 morning sessions and 1 afternoon session. Commitments are as follows:

Speakers	Topic
Kevin Bunker, Private Developer John Egan, CEI	What developers are looking for?
Bill Floyd, Genesis ? (TBD), USDA Rural Development	Housing programs offered, eligibility, etc.
Bill Glover, MSHA Deborah Johnson, DECD	Housing TIFs

- b. Speakers are asked to provide a photo (or url for on-line information), a brief bio, and a specific description of the topic they will be presenting. This information will be given to Joella Theriault for inclusion in the brochure. Speakers are asked to provide the information no later than May 9 as Joella will be on vacation the following week.
- c. The menu will be the same as last year – basic breakfast for \$5.95 and lunch of Italian pasta for \$15.95. Meal is to be paid out of MCDA dues for members and non-members will be charged \$25.00 each.
- d. Joella Theriault will be available to register attendees beginning at 8:00 a.m. In the absence of Darryl Sterling, Gail Chase will conduct the MCDA meeting at about 8:30 a.m. and the first presenter will begin at approximately 9:15 a.m.

V. **Other Business:**

- a. **Request by Darryl Sterling to provide financial assistance for MCDA Secretary to attend the Seadog Conference on May 29:** Due to decreased budgets, Joella Theriault does not have the funds to pay for attendance at MCDA events and therefore advised Darryl Sterling that she would not be attending the Seadog Conference on May 29. Tony Levesque moved to pay a stipend of \$250 per year for the MCDA Secretary to continue publishing newsletters, perform the secretarial duties of the organization, and attend MCDA events; seconded by Gail Chase. Motion passed.
- b. **Update on MMA Affiliate Meeting and MMA Convention:** Gail Chase attended the affiliate meeting and reported that all affiliates are struggling with revenue and feel that they must be innovative in securing funding from other sources rather than relying on dues. Darryl Sterling suggested that we include the MMA Convention as an agenda item on our May 29 meeting agenda and Rodney Lynch suggested that MCDA members begin to think about possible speakers for the Annual Meeting.
- c. **Appreciation Day:** The idea of holding an Appreciation Day for outstanding community and/or economic development projects received mixed reactions by MCDA members. No action was taken on this item.

VI. **Next Meeting Date:** A meeting to be held sometime between the May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and the MCDA Annual Meeting on October 2 will be scheduled at a later date.

VII. **Adjourn:** Moved by Tony Levesque and seconded by Rodney Lynch to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Submitted by,

*Joella R. Theriault*

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MCDA Secretary