



MCDA Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 8, 2015
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The MCDA Annual Meeting was held at Margarita's Restaurant in Augusta on Thursday, October 8, 2015. Present were:

Darryl Sterling, MCDA President
Gail Chase, MCDA Vice President
Joella R. Theriault, MCDA Secretary
Tracey Steuber, MCDA Member, Town of Lisbon
Rodney Lynch, MCDA Past President, Town of Thomaston and Kingfield
Terry Ann Holden, MCDA Member, DECD Office of Community Development Director
Suzie Paradis, MCDA Board Member, Town of Madawaska
Stephen Dyer, MCDA Board Member, Ransom Consulting
Tony Levesque, MCDA Member, Town of Fort Fairfield
Jeff Hewitt, MCDA Member, Town of Skowhegan
Jen Peters, MCDA Member, Sunrise County Economic Council
Jamie Francomano, MCDA Member, Town of Rockport
Linda Smith, MCDA Member, Town of Brunswick
Andrea Smith, Office of Community Development
Terry Ann Holden, Office of Community Development
Tammy Knight, Office of Community Development
Brienne Hasty, Office of Community Development
Lisa Leahy, ConnectME

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Darryl Sterling, MCDA President, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
2. **September 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes:** Moved by Gail Chase and seconded by Tracey Steuber to approve the minutes as clarified by the Office of Community Development staff. Motion passed.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Tony Levesque and seconded by Tracey Steuber to approve the financial report as of July, 2015. Motion passed.
4. **Election of Officers:** Tony Levesque, Chair of the Nomination Committee, presented the following slate of officers:
 - a. Gail Chase, President
 - b. Stephen Dyer, Vice President
 - c. Mathew Eddy, Treasurer
 - d. Joella R. Theriault, Secretary
 - e. Scott Laflamme, 2 Year Term, Member at Large, City of Bath

- f. Tracey Steuber, 2 Year Term, Member at Large, Town of Lisbon
- g. Suzie Paradis, 1 Year Term, Member at Large replaces Stephen Dyer's remaining term

Tony noted that other executive committee members included Anne Krieg serving her second year of a two-year term and Darryl Sterling now becomes the Immediate Past President. There were no nominations from the floor. Seeing none, moved by Jen Peters to accept the slate of officers as presented; seconded by Jamie Francomano. Motion passed.

- 5. **Awards Presentation by President:** Incoming President, Gail Chase presented Darryl Sterling with a plaque for his service as President of the association from 2013 to 2015.
- 6. **Secretary's and Newsletter Report:** Joella Theriault reported that there have been three newsletters and one annual report delivered this past year and asked for any newsworthy articles be forwarded to her by December 15 for the next publication of the quarterly report.
- 7. **Membership:** Steve Dyer reported that there have been no changes in membership since the last meeting. Following a discussion regarding the request for reduced rates for retirees, Tony Levesque moved to restructure our membership dues to include a new category; seconded by Tracey Steuber. Motion passed. This article will be placed on the next meeting agenda for consideration by the membership.
- 8. **Remarks by DECD/OCD Staff on the CDBG Program:** Terry Ann Holden reported that the 2016 CDBG Proposed Program Statement is now available and listed on the OCD website. There will be a public hearing on November 4, 2015 in Augusta regarding the proposed statement and written comments can be submitted on-line until November 14, 2015.

Tammy Knight shared with MCDA members the positive comments heard regarding the State of Maine's display at the Big E exposition. Approximately one million people attend this exposition each year.

- 9. **Remarks on National COSCDA Conference – Deborah Johnson:** There were no remarks as Deborah Johnson was returning from the COSCDA Conference on this date and was not available to report.
- 10. **Next Meeting Date:** The next regularly scheduled meeting date is November 12, 2015; however, due to the need to comment on the 2016 CDBG Proposed Program, a teleconference meeting will be scheduled for late October. Meeting date and time will be announced. Stephen Dyer suggested more face-to-face meetings and less teleconference calls. The consensus was in agreement and that meetings should be scheduled at locations throughout the state. Jen Peters asked that MCDA consider scheduling a meeting in Eastport at the August, 2016 regularly scheduled meeting.
- 11. **Other Business:** None
- 12. **Adjourn:** Motion by Tony Levesque and seconded by Darryl Sterling to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joella R. Theriault

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