

**New Hampshire Planners Association
Executive Committee
May 12, 2004, *Approved June 9, 2004***

Present:

Kerrie Diers, Ben Frost, Angie Rapp, June Hammond Rowan, Jamie Steffen, Steve Whitman

Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Chair Diers.

Minutes of Meetings on 4/14/04:

The minutes of April 14, 2004 were reviewed. Frost made a motion to accept the minutes and Rapp seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report and Discussion of NHPA Funds:

Steffen distributed the Treasurer's Report. It was noted that the CD at the Citizens Bank matures October 17, 2005. The interest rate is 1.75%. NHPA has approximately \$16,400. Some expenses for the conference have not been paid. Rapp made a motion to approve the report. Frost seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Other expenses were discussed. It was noted that the attendance at the APA Audio Conferences has been very low and these are not worth doing next year.

Newsletter:

Campbell is working on the next newsletter. He has asked for any planner news to be included. Several communities are looking for planners so there may be some news soon.

Legislative Issues:

Frost provided an update of the legislative session and outlined several bills of interest to planners.

HB 761 was signed by the Governor. This bill will go into effect July 5 and gives the power to mandate several types of land use controls and also allows Planning Boards to require pre-application reviews.

SB 414 has passed both the House and the Senate and it appears that the Governor will sign it. This bill deals with impact fees and also recognizes the ability for Planning Boards to waive requirements in the Subdivision Regulations.

HB 1148 would require municipalities to use the state definition of wetlands. It has passed in the House and was amended by the Senate and now needs to be approved by the House.

Spring Conference:

Rapp reported that things are all set for the conference. Approximately 50 people have signed up.

Website:

Diers reported that she, Frost and Rapp met with Audrey Bentley and Jenny Eldridge of NHMA to discuss the NHPA website.

If we want our own domain name, we would need our own host. NHPA would have to pay for a domain name and a monthly fee. NHMA can maintain the website, even if they don't host it. Audrey has more time to help with the site and she is also getting more skilled at websites. In the future, we may be able to have a secure site.

The Committee decided to look at various websites and find ones we like and email them to Frost. Frost will compile a list of the sites for discussion about website content and design at the next meeting.

PSU Speakers:

Whitman reported that next year at Plymouth State University the theme is the environment. There will be a series of speakers around this theme. Whitman had been asked if NHPA would help sponsor some of the speakers, in exchange

for recognition of NHPA. It was the consensus of the committee that this would be a useful think to support. \$300 to \$500 was the range of support to give to this initiative. Whitman will convey this to PSU and find out more about the scheduled speakers.

NHMA Contract:

Diers reported that the NHPA contract with NHMA comes up for renewal in June. Diers will try to get a copy of the contract to email to the NHPA Executive Committee prior to the next meeting.

Other Business:

It was noted that the NHPA logo is old and was developed when raster was in vogue. It might be time for a new logo. The Committee will discuss this at the next meeting. NHMA may be able to help with logo design.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be June 9, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at NHMA. Coffee will be served!

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
June Hammond Rowan
Secretary