

**New Hampshire Planners Association  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Local Government Center  
March 27, 2008**

**Executive Committee Members Present:**

Angela Vincent, Mickaela Engert, Ben Frost, Jennifer Czysz, Kerrie Diers, Rebecca Hebert, Clay Mitchell, Pierce Rigrod

J. Czysz called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Legislative Committee Update**

Nancy Johnson joined the group to provide an update on recent bills. B. Frost explained that the Legislative Committee has been communicating by email. The bill that includes an energy chapter in local master plans has received criticism for being contrary to affordable housing as it relates to the NH building codes for affordable housing. The notification requirement for the local wind power regulations may be too restrictive and problematic. B. Frost explained that this bill will most likely go to interim study. B. Frost also explained that SB 381 which gives conservation commissions the ability to contribute money to land conservation that is being funded by others, has been controversial because it expands the powers of the conservation commission. HB 1259 has been scheduled for hearing; HB 1260 regarding growth management will most likely require interim study; NH 1434 passed; HB 1434 passed with amendments; HB 1579 passed; SB 341 passed; SB 396 & SB 452 both relate to transportation planning issues; SB 416 regarding the changes to the Shoreland Protection Act was tabled.

**Minutes**

K. Diers moved to approve the minutes of the February and December meetings; A. Vincent seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.

**NNECAPA Update**

- **FAICP** – B. Frost explained that Randy Raymond was not selected to receive the FAICP designation from APA. He was especially upset in the manner in which APA notified him. A letter was sent directly to Randy containing boiler plate language stating that he could amend his application and resubmit for next year, but the letter also provided more personal feedback from the selection committee stating that his letters of nomination did not demonstrate how he advanced the field of planning. Randy did not nominate himself for this honor, the letter should have been sent to the group who nominated him. NNECAPA has drafted a response to APA regarding the way in which Randy was notified. M. Engert moved to have NHPA also send a letter, C. Mitchell seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.

**NHPA 2008 Action Plan**

J. Czysz explained that she updated the action plan with deadlines, review your tasks and deadlines. She will send this out before each meeting.

**NHPA Awards**

At this point nothing has been sent out to members and the form is not on the website. The due date for the submission of the awards is April 10th. A. Vincent will send an email. C. Koehler is having trouble sending out mass emails from her computer. The group decided to extend the deadline to April 14th. All awards should be sent to J. Campbell.

**NHPA COG Update**

K. Diers stated that today is the last COG meeting before the conference. The total amount of money received from sponsors to date equals \$3300. She has also been working on obtaining CM credits for the sessions; you need to demonstrate that the person is an expert in their field, not someone selling a service. A. Vincent reported that she has been working with the hotel to provide composting.

## **Officer Updates**

- **Public Information Officer** – C. Koehler is working on the off-setting of the conference.
- **Treasurer** - B. Frost distributed the treasurer's report. C. Mitchell moved to accept the report. K. Diers seconded; all in favor motion passed. B. Frost explained that the balance is \$4,715. NHPA should finish the fiscal year in the black, and he does not expect any problems. He has asked the LGC for a membership roster; 190 members, 102 organizational members, and 20 new members.
- **Professional Development Officer**- See NHPA COG update.
- **Newsletter Editor**- P. Rigrod stated that the deadline for the newsletter is March 30, 2008.
- **Sustainability Coordinator** – A. Vincent is working with the hotel to make the conference more sustainable.

## **Old and New Business**

- Another organization was selected to sponsor the DES conference.
- The group discussed the NHPA policy regarding the distribution of the membership list, K. Diers was approached and she told the individual to purchase a membership directory. This is something we may want to discuss at the annual meeting.

## **Next Executive Committee Meeting**

The next committee meeting will be on April 17, 2008.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.**

*Rebecca Hebert, Secretary*