



**NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNERS ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER, LIBRARY
AGENDA FOR THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26, 10:00 AM**

Present: Jen Czysz, Ben Frost, Pierce Rigrod, Sarah Marchant, Christa Koehler, Mikaela Engert, Rick Sawyer, Kerrie Diers, Nancy Johnson, NHPA Lobbyist and Special Guest

Absent: Tim Thompson

Appointment of Legislative Liaison

Before moving forward with the agenda, Jen indicated that the group needed to officially appoint the new legislative liaison, who will be taking over for Clay Mitchell. Ben Frost moved to appoint Rick Sawyer as legislative liaison to the next election. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

1. Legislative Update

Ben provided a review of the 2009 Pending Legislation worksheet. The worksheet illustrates those bills that are a priority of the NHPA membership. Nancy Johnson, lobbyist for NHPA, was present as the Executive Committee discussed the various bills.

2. Minutes

Motion to approve the January 22, 2009 meeting minutes was made by K. Diers, second by S. Marchant. Motion unanimously passed.

3. NNECAPA Update

a. CPC Grants/Density Project Funding Proposal

The Executive Committee decided not to provide financial support to the project, but rather provide support in kind. The group supports the proposal moving forward.

b. Officer Recruitment

A follow up item from last month: K. Diers will ask John Edgar, Community Development Director in Meredith, if Angela LeBrecque would be available to fill this position. Committee members were asked to brainstorm other folks they thought would be interested as well in case Angela was not available. It was also decided that should Angela not be interested, that a description would be posted on the NHPA website and emailed to NHPA members to try and solicit interest in the position.

c. Other Updates and Business

No other updates

4. NHPA Annual Conference

a. COG progress update

Sponsor letters were mailed out. Few commitments from sponsors have been made so far. Speakers are being signed up for the sessions and this is near finalization. The deadline to receive speaker confirmation and information is March 23rd so that registration can be made available. Save the date postcards to the membership were sent out.

Kerrie asked for help with the session on Historic Preservation. She is looking for recommendations for a planner that could speak about this topic as Liz Hengen and some others are not available. Mikaela recommended Rhett as a resource since we worked with Liz Hengen on Keene's Historic District regulations. Kerrie said she'd check. Venues have been scoped out. Mobile workshops are still being finalized. April 10th is the date for mailing the agenda.

5. NHPA Annual Awards Update

The deadline is tomorrow. A few have been received so far. There may be competition in the categories, which is great.

6. NHPA Action plan for 2009

The group reviewed the plan. No comments were made.

7. Officer Updates

a. Public Information Officer

S. Marchant reported that sustainability updates are online. Waiting for state director description from NNECAPA.

b. Treasurer

Nothing new to report.

c. Legislative Committee

Completed under Agenda Item #1.

d. Professional Development Officer

K. Diers will review the evaluations for discussion at the March meeting.

e. Newsletter Editor

P. Rigrod reported that March 30th is the deadline. We will have lots of content. Awards, legislative summary, the conference info, events, of plans and planners, town meeting stuff. It was agreed upon that perhaps we should ask the membership via the newsletter how many people have worked on the workforce housing changes. Sarah will send this out and compile the answers and then this will become an article.

f. Sustainability Coordinator

Webpage is up. C.Koehler stated that it's a work in progress. She will incorporate Ben's notes for changes. She has been working with Ann Marie French to figure out the Executive Committee's carbon footprint for our meetings. C. Koehler also reported that the Local Energy Working Group has been busy working with Rockingham and Nashua RPC's to work with their towns to help their energy commissions. They also testified about the HB 189 bill. June 20th is the statewide LEC workshop. One session will focus on writing energy chapters for the Master Plan, regional transportation session, and a regional energy plan session – could NHPA sponsor these for CM credits?

8. Old and New Business

a. Membership Directory

Cost of the directory is a concern this year. May want to consider online access with a cost associated with provision of a print copy if people want to pay for it. Security may be a concern with electronic distribution and a system will need to be put in place to ensure that we do not allow the opportunity for folks to access the directory for the wrong reasons. Directory committee needs to meet to discuss these various options.

b. Professional Organization Relationships

Surveyors and Registrars started the technical bulletin. They gave a draft to Sarah Marchant. Sarah will email it to the group for comment. Next step is to figure out what it should say and then send it back to the surveyors and registrars.

Pierce mentioned that he would like to work with the APWA on road salt applications. Pierce asked if anyone knows of local munis doing this, to refer names and contact info to him.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.

Upcoming meetings: March 26, April 23, and May 28, 2009. All meetings are from 10 am to noon at LGC.

Respectfully submitted,

Mikaela L. Engert
Secretary