



**NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNERS ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES FOR THURSDAY MARCH 10, 10 AM**

Conference call 472-8623 ask for the NHPA call on Conference Line A. Passcode is 1111#

Present: B. Frost, C. Pattison, S. Marchant, J. Czysz, T. Corwin, J. Harris, D. Brooks

1. Minutes of previous meeting – minutes were reviewed. Several small typos were corrected. T. Corwin moves to approved. Seconded by J. Czysz. Motion passes Unanimously.
2. President's report – S. Marchant speaks to the most recent Floodlines newsletter from OEP. There is a notice about registering stormwater structures for small projects. Should we add this as an educational session to our conference? Or put something in the newsletter? It was decided to ask P. Rigrod to contact Mitch Locker and see what this is all about.

Couple other things from last month's meeting. The automated Mail Chimp for new members still needs to be updated. J. Harris will do that. B. Frost set up the COG for the annual meeting and the first meeting is this afternoon. D. Brooks was asked about contacting Sherry about the legislative status of NNECAPA. He will update everyone later in the meeting.

3. NHPA Annual Conference update – meeting this afternoon. The Marriot in Keene has been chosen as the location. They gave us a room rate of \$109. This is a very good price. The room rate is good through May 9th. Save the date email already went out. A postcard will go out shortly. June 9th and 10th are the dates chosen. B. Frost has info on speaker and topics from M. Engert he will look at. This afternoon they will discuss the conference format. It will be either plenary or breakout, and include a keynote speaker. It was discussed whether we should include some sort of memorial or presentation for Walter Warren. J. Czysz gave a quick update on awards. Packet went out a couple weeks ago, also to LGC and RPS directors and Plan NH. J. Czysz asked if J. Harris could send it to press contacts. Yes J. Harris will do that.
4. Review of draft Action Plan for 2011 –S. Marchant suggested that perhaps we should save this until the next face to face meeting. The group discussed and the consensus was, yes. J. LaBranche asked about regrouping all outreach items together.
5. SNHPC/Manchester Health Department Dan Burden/Livable Walkable Communities Workshop – S. Marchant has contacted the Mark Fenton people in Keene. We are hoping to cross advertise because there are so many small events that can reach the whole NH region. We are moving forward with picking the right community for a walking tour. S. Marchant is pushing really hard for a more rural neighborhood so that its more applicable to NH towns. She will get info to B. Frost for filing for CM credits. C. Pattison sent out draft postcards for review. The feedback she got was to reduce the wordiness. She will do that and get it out to

the membership. NHPA is hosting the Brown Bag lunch for this event. HNH Foundation is paying him extra to stay one more night to do another presentation. Let's include their event on our website and put on our list-serve. J. Czysz asked J. Harris if she could do an upcoming events email to go out tomorrow to include the brown bag lunch and this event as a group. Lets get it up on the website too.

6. Discussion on Special Recognition Award and how to handle Honorable Mentions
7. Initiating partnership with State Fire Marshalls Office and local NH Fire Protection Society
8. Officer Updates –
 - a. NNECAPA Legislative Liaison – D. Brooks –Dates of the NNECAPA Conference is Sept 8-9 in Burlington. Sharon Murray was not on the conference call. B. Frost spoke to Legislative initiatives history. A webinar later that day spoke to highlights of house continuing Resolution No. 1. Big cuts are proposed. Including HUD, DOT, high speed rail is zeroed out, TIGER grants zeroed, sustainable communities zeroed, CDBG cut by 50% back to 1985 funding, EPA budget cut, Commerce Department Budget cut, Interior budget cut. There seemed to be willingness to work on surface transportation. President is proposing 560 million in funding. House is looking at half, but there seems to be a willingness to resolve. Yesterday, APA was targeting specific senators to lobby for sustainable communities, Snow and Collins in particular. It was asked if NH senators could be targeted? That is still up in the air. B. Frost added he was just in DC, the new continuing resolution is now out to the 18th of March. House budget has been proposed, and the Senate is now putting forth their own proposal. Julie further added that she will forward a notice about air and water enforcement cuts. The results of the University of Texas survey from Peg Elmer regarding planner sentiments on political issues was discussed. Members were very surprised by some of the results.
 - b. Legislative Liaison – T. Corwin– he is working on the survey. He has grouped a couple bills together in order to get the survey down to 10 questions. He'll get that out as a draft today. Legislative committee met last Friday. The biggest discussion was on on house bill 2, and the trailer to the budget bill. The group focused on 4 items and provided written testimony These items included the proposal that OEP is no longer required to train new planning members including OEP training conferences, the elimination of the housing and conservation planning program under OEP. The amount of the vehicle surcharge that goes to LCHIP will be reduced by half. He just sent the most up to date tracking list last Friday.
 - c. Public Information Officer - J. Harris –LGC sent us a request for a logo on our website and the request to add a note saying this website is provided by LGC.
 - d. Newsletter Editor – P. Rigrod. Not present but S. Marchant said he did sent an email about when articles were to be turned in. J. Czysz to do a history article. Any ideas on what she can do? S. Saunders is doing a community spotlight. How about one of our award winners. How about Keene since our conference is there. T. Corwin will do a Legislative article. D. Brooks will do a Ken Niemsek article for Plan and Planners. Julie will get a save the date for Burlington. M. Engert will do a technology article. D. Brooks asked what about the DES registration of CBs and stormwater infiltration structures to be registered. Lets do an article on that. Perhaps P. Rigrod can ask if we can reprint the Floodlines article.

- e. Professional Development Update – C. Pattison– She finalized the Dan Burden postcard. If you see a training that may be of interest please send to her info and she can get it up on the website. D. Brooks mentioned that VPA is putting on a lighting regulations seminar. He'll get more info. She asked to get the DES Watershed and Source Protection conference up on website. Julie will send info re: the Energy conference.
- f. Sustainability Coordinator – M. Engert. - No report.
- g. Treasurer - B. Frost. B. Frost has a report and he will send it out later today. Everything looks good. Dues are coming in rapidly. Next month we'll do a second invoice to those who haven't paid. The only expense in upcoming months is paying Nancy Johnson.

9. Other Business

- a. Formation of AICP Exam study group – B. Frost - There is a lot of interest in the Maine group for a study session. He will feel out a VT interest and perhaps do one in White River Junction. Perhaps, we can ask about interest in the Mail Chimp email on events. She'll add the Linked-In page to the Mail Chimp email.

10. Adjourn – B. Frost moves to adjourn. D. Brooks seconds. Motion passes unanimously.