



**NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNERS ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA FOR FRIDAY APRIL 6, 9:00 AM
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER– CONCORD
CONFERENCE CALL LINE CALL: CALL 310-9300
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1. Minutes (February) - there was discussion that emails didn't get through and so minutes were held off till next month
2. 2012 NHPA COG Update – B. Frost said that registration total is at 51. The venue has a large capacity and so we could go as high as 100. B. Frost will be doing weekly emails via constant contact. The variety of registration levels is working out well. We are giving speakers complementary registration for the day they speak. Sponsorship is good. We got Majora Carters \$5000 fee covered via sponsors. We have arranged for a public presentation by Carter at the Grapone center. John Greenburg from NHPR will host. It will be the same presentation but there will be a moderated discussion. There is a capacity for 250 people and its free and open to the public. If we purchase underwriting at NHPR its \$300 for a basic package or \$500 for a more expensive package. J. Czysz mentioned that we should get this into the Hippo and the Concord Insider. B. Frost also thought of the Green Times. S. Marchant mentioned that if there is a press release, please send it out to all so we can distribute locally. B. Frost said he let J. Harris know that the announcement is still not up on the NHPA website. P. Rigrod said that the Grapone center has 3 charging stations at their center and he would like to talk at the COG about the Chevy Volt trial. Maybe we could do something Wed nite. B. Frost has been talking to Jay Childs. He is a filmmaker, about the possibility that this could be a program for NHPTV. It would require some independent fundraising, separate from the conference budget. That could be circulated to local access channels. It would cost between 7-10K. Back to the conference the tracks are looking good. We are missing details on the green streets. C. Pattison said she will resend description and she can send bios shortly. B. Frost detailed the schedule and let folks know where they needed to provide him details. S. Marchant mentioned that as far as outreach goes, can we ask Cindy Health to advertise to her networks. There were questions about the high end capacity of the venue and B. Frost said it was 150 – 200. P. Rigrod wanted to let folks know about the demo of the Chevy Volt, and how the charging stations can be integrated into new developments. This will be discussed today a the COG. S. Marchant wondered if we could have some info on our mentorship program and folks can fill out their abilities and their needs. J. Czysz thought this was a great idea and wondered if M. Gyawali could help out a bit.
3. HNH *foundation* grant and Health Resources in Action – B. Frost mentioned that their training will be on May 30th in Worcester. S. Marchant mentioned she thought it was available as a webinar too. B. Frost said we have moved our training to Sept 12th and 13th. B. Frost's colleague is working on partnering with other groups.

4. Complete Streets - Cindy Heath, CPRP, Executive Director, GP RED – C. Heath spoke to the NH Creative Communities Network and their work to develop a Creative Economy Took Kit. She is drafting the tool kit in May with roll out in June. North Country Council for the Arts will help with roll out. She is looking for arts images as well as chapters of master plans that further the arts. There was discussion on the Table of Contents and what planners many look for in the toolkit. S. Marchant asked about the NHPA Exec Comm reviewing the document before it goes up on the website. C. Heath said absolutely.
5. Legislative Update - new “priority” bill is HB 1634 – T. Corwin mentioned that this is to establish a committee to study the prevention of implementation of Agenda 21. Agenda 21 is a UN sustainability document. T. Corwin said he felt that we should weigh in as it would only give fodder to the supporters of the bill. The bill was ILL’ed and the completely rewritten to state that Planning should be consistent to NH’s constitution. I think this is something we can support, perhaps even as a priority. We may be able to build bridges with folks who are usually our adversaries.
6. Google Analytics – J. Harris e3plained that we had talked about this a year ago. She has done some research, and LGC can do this for our website so see where people are looking and how many. T. Germond thought this was a great idea. We have to give LGC our password. Everyone was ok with that.
7. Sustainability Coordinator ideas from last meeting – T. Germond proposed a list of ideas at the February meeting. So has been working on the conference, bringing local food vendors in. The other ideas were newsletter articles; work with C. Pattison on PD workshops to bring in some sustainability folks. C. Pattison and T. Germond will follow up with eachother. T. Germond also wanted to case study other communities that are doing things. Another idea was to develop a toolkit on green infrastructure, and maybe talk to the membership about what other tools they need from sustainability coordinator.
8. Results of Membership Survey – S. Marchant announced that we will tie this to 2012 Goal Setting and look at this in July once budgets turn over and folks have more flexible time in their budgets.
9. 2012 Goal Setting - Special Meeting - we will table this until July.
10. Officer Updates –
 - a. NNECAPA Legislative Liaison - D. Brooks – He has an update on the transportation reauthorization bill – the house passed a short term 90 day extension. The “Ryan” budget in the house could be worse than last year’s proposed budgets. This budget guarantees that the defense sequestration from last year so all budget cuts will be towards domestic programs. Also on Capitol Hill there was an opportunity for planners to discuss the choice neighborhoods program. That went very well. Also there was a recent supreme court decision about wetlands but was also about the Admin of the process that EPA uses. D. Brooks can forward that decision to anyone that needs it.
 - b. Legislative Liaison – T. Corwin – The entry onto private land bill – HB 514 will affect us pretty heavily. An amendment extends this to conservation commissions, and perhaps RPCs. S. Marchant mentioned that this would affect folks from just knocking

and asking permission to check out a violation. Plus, it would affect citizens from providing input to violation issues such as wetlands. B. Frost thinks there is some value in asking folks to slow the process down a bit to continue the public input. T. Corwin said the second part of the Bill will prevent a planning commission from using any data gathered on abutting land in any decisions. HB - 1282 was passed in the house. The Senate is roll of the dice. REGI has a senate April 19th. SB 142 regarding DES permitting process. There was language regarding municipalities making their own waivers. Our input has gone to DES's attention. SB 291 – off site improvements to state highways. There is an amendment that speaks to the use of impact fees on state highways.

- c. Public Information Officer - J. Harris – J. Harris discussed getting the conference info up online.
- d. Newsletter Editor - P. Rigrod – this newsletter should be good. We have 6-7 articles. Including some great publicity for the conference. If folks can get him stuff by next Tuesday at noon. He'll get everything to LGC. If folks have ideas for the next newsletter.
- e. Professional Development Update – C. Pattison – She had an idea for the August Brown Bag. Janet Zeller the national accessibility coordinator for the National Forrest. New rules went to affect on March 15th, dealing with other power driven mobility devises, such as the mobile carts such as a grocery store. Ballpark date is august 3 and she is available. B. Frost wondered if she would be interested in doing a mobile brownbag, like at Silk Farm Audubon center. Consensus was that folks were interested. J. Czynsz suggested that the venue should be ADA accessible. Other ideas are Crotched Mountain, or Pierce Island in Portsmouth. There was discussion about timing. We have one today. We have one now for August should we do one in June. Folks thought yes since today's was 20+ folks. We'll wait to see how today's attendance is.
- f. Sustainability Coordinator – T. Germond. The report was already given.
- g. Treasurer - B. Frost – The report was just sent. Cash flow is positive for the month. Conference looks good, expenses look good. Nothing major to report. J. Czynsz moves to accept, D. Brooks seconds. Unanimous.
- h. Vice President - M. Gyawali – no report
- i. NNECAPA NH State Director – J. Czynsz – There has been a conversation for cosponsoring and CM credits with a consensus that the executive committee would like to know about what they are sponsoring from NHPA. B. Frost mentioned that it takes AICP 3 weeks to process credits and he needs a week to process paperwork so please factor in enough time if you seek CM credits for all the circulations. D. Brooks mentioned that there was also a concern that events be widely publicized if they have CM credits attached. Jen also mentioned the June 15th retreat. We will check with Karl to see if a designee can be assigned by J. Czynsz or D. Brooks since neither can attend. Perhaps someone else from NHPA Exec can go.

11. Other Business

- a. Awards – There was a mix -up on the voting. J. Czynsz will resend it. And folks need to vote TODAY and we'll finalize on Monday.
- b. Cindy Heath will be here to talk about the creative economy discussion.

12. Adjourn. J. Harris moved to adjourn. D. Brooks seconded. The vote was unanimous.