



New Hampshire Planners Association

January 16, 2015 Meeting @ 9:15 a.m.

Meeting Location: NHMA, Triangle Park Drive, Concord, NH

Members present: Sarah Marchant, Shanna Saunders, Donna Pohli, Tim Corwin, Scott Osgood, Mary Friedman & Pierce Rigrod. Participating by phone: Elizabeth Wood & Jodie Levandowski (off line at 9:50). Absent: Sara Carbonneau, Ben Frost & Mark Connors.

1. **Minutes:** Postponed until a quorum is present.

2. **Spring Conference** (Jodie on the line):
Discussed team organization...Is Mark available to help serve on the COG?
Jodie Levandowski agreed to be a co-chair, Donna said she would be willing to co-chair with Jodie.
We are hosting NNECAPA, Sept or October 2016—something to begin to think about.
2015 Annual Conference Unit speakers need to be identified.
Discussed doing a call for proposals .
No theme as yet.
Plan for 100 to 130 attendees for the one day event in the concord/Manchester area.
Location to be determined. Numerous locations discussed as possibilities...MCC, NHTI, Graponne Center, McAuliffe Planetarium, Currier Museum, Film Venue, Red River...Heal Office, 125 Airport Rd. Preference is for central location.
Budget was \$25 K for last year's 1.5 day conference.
May 8 chosen as tentative date.
Need NHMA Graphic Designer?
Call out to membership, Shanna and Donna.
(Jodie off line at 9:50).

3. **Wild Apricot transition status:**
Review of layout needed .
Get photographs of the awards to Donna (Call for photographers for Spring Conference).
Photographs of the keynote speakers.
Need program info for past events, please email to Donna.
Discussion re brown bag lunches...
Donna has photos that Shanna sent her previously.
Shanna to get Tim and legislative group to help with that web page.
April or May, Cornerstone is still available but not particularly efficient.
We should see by next week and Cornerstone will help to transfer files to our stuff to Wild Apricot.
Donna to send request to Exec Committee for final OK when ready.

4. NNECAPA

Discussed Meredith _____ from VT Law who spoke about the new ruralism project, Wrote an APA grant. They asked NHPA for \$2500, but after our budget had closed. They need \$5,300, we do not have anything we can donate. Maybe next year...could maybe find \$800 from other groups...Sarah noted she had read it. It needs to go to Strategic use.

Discussed how we can get to those planners we don't reach currently...

5. Final Draft NHDES Potable Water Guidance – Pierce

There is a new draft out there, it will go out as a DES Document. We can vote to accept it and out it on the Website. It could be jointly distributed by NHPA, Codes, & Public Health and DES.

Board vote to accept, Motion by Mary, 2nd Donna, unanimous approval.

6. OEP Data Base

Mary reports the update is nearly done...Hopefully, it will be ready for the website within a few weeks.

7. List Serve for Planners

Discussed consideration of limiting those who can participate.

Two other sources of information are the OEP Plan Link and NH Planners Group on Yahoo.

Discussed using Google Tools and the "Hangout" function.

Considered talking this through with Ben...maybe do a workshop on Google Tool (as part of the conference or a brown bag).

Shane Brandt mentioned as a resource, of UHN Cooperative Ext. Mary agreed to touch base with him.

Discussed having the Conference focus on Tech.

Particularly Legal issues, be sure we invite Lawyers.

8. Update RE Signage workshop

No new activity, waiting for input from Dan Crean.

9. Strategic Plan – Shanna

To plan a workgroup for February.

Book club meeting is rescheduled for Jan 23.

Mentioned update to Grapevine.

Noted Kerrie Diers has moved on the Normandeau Assoc. Tim Roache is interim in her place.

Discussed GIS Group, Scott and Elizabeth are interested in expanding access to this technology.

Discussed forming an NHPA GIS group. Sarah M. noted there are well established groups in NH and a few Towns have full time GIS personnel (Londonderry, Derry, and Nashua's Fay Rueben) as well as the RPCS's.

Resources include Shane Brandt, NH GIS and NE ARC.

10. NNECAPA Update

Schedule for May 21. Sarah M. is the new NHPA representative. Discussed Webinars, "Cromnuibus"? CDBG.

Noted new chair of Transportation is anti-funding bike and pedestrian Improvements.

Hopeful for a change of heart. Map 21 is ending, and funding is not there for continuance.

11. Officer Updates

Tim: Legislative Committee meeting today.

Survey is closed. Donna reported 38% of NHPA opened it, 28 % clicked on it. (Tim offered other data at a later date).

Scott: Newsletter. Scott is new Editor. Publication for March 31. Will be on website, with summary version distributed as appropriate. Call for topics to Scott. Recommendations included Legislative work, potable water, Marijuana dispensary siting, book club, local legislation, mentoring, GIS. Discussed page limit 4? Call for photos as well.

Mary: Mary reported on the UNH undergrad planning club. They have a Facebook page, and will post available internships, with affiliation in Keene and Plymouth.

Motion to adjourn by Mary. 2nd Donna. Adjourned around noon.

Submitted by,

Scott Osgood, Secretary Pro Tem