

MAINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
General Membership Business Meeting
Friday, April 28, 2006

The Maine Community Development Association held a general membership meeting at the Lucerne Inn in Holden on Friday, April 28, 2006. In attendance were:

Isaac Wagner, President	Washington Hancock Community Agency
Peter Lyford	Community Outreach & Develop. Consulting
Mary Walton, Board Member	City of Caribou
Jim Gulnac, Board Member	Town of Sanford
Rodney Lynch, Board Member	City of Rockland
Al Smith	City of Bath
Don Keiser	Town of Houlton
Michelle Begin	Kennebec Valley Council of Governments
Ron Harriman, Treasurer	Harriman Associates
Steve Dyer	Aquarion Engineering Services
Tony Levesque	Town of Fort Fairfield
Mike Bush	Eastern Maine Development Corporation
Joella McBreairty	Northern Maine Development Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Isaac called the meeting to order at approximately 10:40 a.m.

II. NEWS AND UPDATES FROM MEMBERS

There are several interesting projects going on throughout the State.

- Tony Levesque's project involves the municipal building/fire station facility. Following the flood of 1994, the fire station was relocated to the Armory building. The problem is that the vacant fire station has become a vacant and unheated "shell", which created energy issues at the Municipal Building. The Town of Fort Fairfield is currently looking at relocating the Municipal Building.
- Jim Gulnac talked about the 4th of July festivities to be held in Sanford. The USS Salt Lake City will be on hand. Also, Sanford Mainers will be starting up either in June or July. This is a collegiate baseball team for kids that use wooden bats.
- Mike Bush announced that the Maine Rural Partners will be providing a training seminar. The focus is on harvesting home jobs and is planned for May 12 in Unity.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Jim Gulnac to approve the meeting minutes of March 10, 2006 as presented; seconded by Al Smith. The vote was unanimously in favor.

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT:

Ron Harriman reported that last month’s figures were as follows:

Revenues	\$447.00	Expenses: \$231	Net Income: \$216
Year-To-Date Revenues:	\$3,589.00	Expenses: \$1,067.00	Fund Balance: \$8,356.00

A motion was made by Tony Levesque to approve the Treasurer’s Report; seconded by Peter Lyford. The vote was unanimously in favor.

V. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

- o Communications: Mary Walton provided an update on the Communications Committee. Regarding the newsletter, Joella has outlined a time limit for submission of articles and a release date for the quarterly newsletter.

	Submission of News Articles	Publication Date
January-March	April 7	April 20
April – June	July 7	July 20
July – September	October 7	October 20
October – December	January 7	January 20

Mary will work with MMA to update information on the MCDA website. Posting interesting articles and photos of projects are other means to liven our website.

- o Membership: There are approximately 49 members. Isaac reported that a letter to all renewals, Town managers and other affiliated groups was submitted. He proposed possibly doing a survey that would request information such as; how did you hear about us, what interests you about the organization, or what could we offer that would be an asset for you. The membership committee should look into doing a membership drive before the MMA Convention.
- o Advocacy: No reports on this committee at this time.

VI. UPDATE ON JUNE 9TH MEETING WITH M.A.P.:

Isaac distributed an agenda for the June 9, 2006 joint meeting with M.A.P. A copy of the agenda is attached and made a part of these meeting minutes.

VII. GROW SMART MAINE AND THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION – REGIONAL TOWN MEETINGS:

GrowSmart Maine and the Brookings Institution are holding a series of “Regional Town Meetings” throughout the state to discuss many issues facing Maine. GrowSmart Maine is working to help educate people about sprawl and alternative approaches to development. MCDA should get involved because this is a very important issue that will shape the future growth in Maine. Jim Gulnac and Mike Bush will make contacts with the Brookings Institution to get MCDA listed on future mailings.

VIII. OTHER:

- a. OCD/MCDA 2007 CDBG Budget: Following a discussion of the proposed changes discussed during the OCD/MCDA meeting, Rodney Lynch made a motion to verbally discuss the following changes with OCD today and follow-up with written communication. MCDA 1) opposes the 2 and 10 rule for the downtown revitalization and housing categories; and 2) feels that the Housing Assistance budget should be greater than the Home Repair Network budget. Further, MCDA wishes to stress to OCD that these are very important policy changes that will be detrimental to our projects, our towns. This motion was seconded by Jim Gulnac. The vote was unanimously in favor. Isaac will discuss these changes with OCD today before the end of the work session.
- b. MMA Contract: Isaac has signed the contract with MMA. They have been doing a fine job for MCDA.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Submitted by,

Joella R. McBreairty
Secretary