



Annual Report

FY YEAR Ending October 31, 2016

The Annual Meeting of the Association takes place at the annual convention of the Maine Municipal Association. Four (4) regular meetings for the General Membership and the Executive Committee are held annually.

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Message from the President

It has been an honor to serve as the President of the Maine Community Development Association (MCDA) for the past year.

There were many bright spots in 2016, which will continue to light the future:

- MCDA’s professional newsletters, which includes community development successes, job opportunities and recent and upcoming events, are more interesting and informative every year.
- Membership continues to increase.
- A reinvigorated Professional Development Committee is committed to offering useful and stimulating training and discussion opportunities.
- A new website is being finalized, and will be available soon.

MCDA has faced challenges in the past year, of course. The primary challenges are those faced by other small organizations, and are ongoing: our work is performed by volunteers who have demanding full-time jobs, and our municipal and professional members continue to face tighter budgets.

But MCDA is dedicated to its members, to keeping you informed, and providing value for your membership dollars. To that end, I urge you to contact any MCDA members, especially Board members, to let the organization know how we can best serve you. MCDA strives to improve its services and meet its mission “to provide forums to increase awareness and foster communication relating to community development issues and concerns, and to provide education and training through workshops.” Working with our partners, the Office of Community Development, Maine Municipal Association, and ***you***, MCDA will continue to foster communication and training to positively affect the quality of life in all Maine communities.

Gail Chase
President

Financial Statements

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

		BUDGET	ACTUAL		% of Budget Realized /Expended	Budget \$ Unrealized/ Unexpended	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL	
			MONTH	Y-T-D			Month	Y-T-D
	REVENUES							
40101	Interest Income	\$18.00	\$1.61	\$13.45	75%	\$4.55	\$1.54	\$13.07
40201	Membership Dues	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,450.00	99%	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$5,100.00
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,518.00	\$1.61	\$4,463.45	99%	\$54.55	\$101.54	\$5,113.07
	EXPENDITURES							
50201	Postage	\$70.00	\$8.57	\$86.11	123%	(\$16.11)	\$8.24	\$69.44
50202	Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68.58	0%	(\$68.58)	\$0.00	\$0.00
50203	Photocopies	\$50.00	\$0.48	\$77.66	155%	(\$27.66)	\$0.90	\$47.23
50204	General Supplies	\$42.00	\$0.08	\$2.47	6%	\$39.53	\$0.40	\$1.13
50291	General Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$10.93	\$6.03	9%	\$453.97	\$0.00	\$18.65
50292	Seminars	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$550.09	55%	\$449.91	\$0.00	\$523.34
50411	Contract Services – MMA	\$1,900.00	\$175.75	\$1,406.00	74%	\$494.00	\$155.50	\$1,244.00
50502	COSCON Convention	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
50505	Newsletter/Admin	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,362.00	\$195.81	\$2,236.94	51%	\$2,125.06	\$165.04	\$1,903.79
	NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$156.00	(\$194.20)	\$2,226.51	1,427.25%	(\$2,070.51)	(\$63.50)	\$3,209.28

Balance Sheet

ASSETS:

CHECKING ACCOUNT **\$15,670.58**

TOTAL ASSETS	\$15,670.58
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE:	
FUND BALANCE	\$15,670.58
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$15,670.58

Advocacy

2017 CDBG Proposed Program: Deborah Johnson, Director, of the Office of Community Development (OCD) and member of MCDA provides information on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program where members have the ability to discuss proposed changes. The 2017 CDBG Proposed Program changes are:

- **Public Infrastructure Grant Program:** OCD proposes no round of competition under the 2017 program year. Set-aside funds will be divided among four (4) 2016 applicants.
- **Downtown Revitalization:** This activity will be reintroduced as an eligible activity but no budget allocated unless additional funding becomes available.
- **Public Facility Grant Program:** This public facility activity will remain as an eligible activity but no budget allocated unless additional funding becomes available.
- **Safe Neighborhood Program:** This program has been eliminated.
- **Economic Development Program:** New timelines will be proposed for both Letters of Intent and application deadlines.

Public hearings followed by a public comment period on the 2017 CDBG Proposed Program will be announced sometime in November. For more information, go to www.meocd.org.

Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws for the 127th Second Regular Session – Following are enacted laws that may be of interest.

LD 1607 – An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Affordable Housing Working Group. This bill directs the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) and the municipal housing authorities to create a single, statewide application and waiting list for “Section 8” housing with online accessibility. The bill further directs MSHA to identify unused vouchers under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program and to use the unused vouchers to establish a rental assistance pilot program.

LD 1480 – An Act to Create and Sustain High Quality Maine Jobs. PL 2015, Chapter 415 authorizes the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) to create the Maine Capital Investment Program to provide loans and bond funding to eligible business development projects that have projected costs of at least \$50,000,000 or that are projected to result in the creation or retention of at least 250 full-time employment positions that pay at least 125% of the state annual average weekly wage. Under this program, the authority may issue a direct loan of up to \$50,000,000 or bond funding of up to \$200,000,000 to each eligible business development project.

November Bond Issue - Question 6 on the November 8, 2016 referendum ballot asks, “Do you favor a \$100,000,000 bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities, equipment and property acquisition related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds.”

Membership

MCDA membership consists of 31 communities, 12 organizations/CAP agencies/regional planning and council of governments/state agency; and 2 engineering firms.

	Organizations	Engineering
Ashland	Office of Community Development	Ransom Consulting, Inc.
Bangor	Washington Hancock Community Action Program	Wright Pierce Engineer
Bath	Hancock County Planning Commission	
Bowdoinham	Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	
Bradford	Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission	
Bridgton	Maine Development Foundation	
Brunswick	Maine Rural Partners	
Camden	Midcoast Economic Development District	
Caswell	Northern Maine Development Commission	
Cumberland	Penquis Community Action Program	
Ellsworth	Sunrise County Economic Council	
Fort Fairfield	Washington County COG	
Fort Kent		
Guilford		
Houlton		
Islesboro		
Kennebunk		
Lisbon		
Madawaska (2)		
Paris		
Presque Isle		
Richmond		
Rockport		
St. Agatha		
Searsport		
Skowhegan		
Topsham		
Thomaston		
Van Buren		
Waterville		

Becoming an MCDA member offers numerous benefits, such as training and workshops, legislative advocacy, affiliation with other agencies and organizations, links to funding opportunities, and ability to network with multiple partners. The Quarterly Newsletter provides informational materials on funding opportunities, job openings, community and economic development articles, and upcoming events. MCDA urges each municipality to become a member of the organization. MCDA is an affiliate group of the Maine Municipal Association and as such enjoys the same status regarding lobbying. MCDA's Advocacy Role is to weigh in on proposed legislation and policies that impact community development in Maine. MCDA also works closely with the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). DECD's Office of Community Development works collaboratively with MCDA to review proposed changes and garner support for the CDBG Program.

Professional Development

2016 MCDA Annual Guest Speaker

Thursday, October 6, 2016

Season's Grille

& Sports Lounge



427 Main Street
Bangor, ME 04401

Tanya Emery will be the 2016 MCDA Annual Meeting Guest Speaker. Tanya Emery is the Director of Community and Economic Development for the City of Bangor. In this role, Tanya oversees the Economic Development, Community Development, Code Enforcement, and Planning divisions of the City.

Tanya and her capable team are responsible for many of the development projects that make Bangor a great place to live, work, and play. Prior to joining the Bangor team, Tanya was Deputy Director of Economic Development for the City of Brewer for five years, and spent five years before that working at Eastern Maine Development Corporation. She is a relentless volunteer and community leader, including being a past chair and founder of Fusion Bangor. Tanya grew up in Hampden and attended Trinity College in Hartford, CT, where she earned a Bachelor's in Political Science. Before returning to Maine, Tanya spent several years with a startup company in the wireless industry, living and working across the country.

Current Community Development priorities in Bangor include the completion of a 5-year Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area in the West Side Village, continued implementation of our housing assistance programs to stabilize the housing stock and revitalize dilapidated properties, and a façade grant program.

The Annual Meeting discussion will be on the well-known success of Bangor's Waterfront Concert Series. Tanya will discuss the process and policy behind the City's recently completed Waterfront Park and Performance Pavilion Master Plan Study. By navigating through potential neighborhood concerns and collaborating with downtown merchants and stakeholders, the City of Bangor has established a public performance space model that has generated enormous economic and community development opportunities. Come learn more about how you can apply these community participation strategies to generate public "buy in" on your next municipal project!

Communication

Quarterly Newsletters keep MCDA members informed of upcoming events, funding opportunities, job openings, and information on successful projects.

Upcoming Events:

- October 5 and 6, 2016 MMA Convention Cross Center Bangor, ME
- October 25, 2016 Bringing Broadband to Rural Maine:
Insight from National Success Stories Maple Hill Farm, Hallowell, ME
- November 27, 2016 Showcase Maine 2016 Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME
- November 29, 2016 Grant Writing for Municipal
Programs and Projects Maine Municipal Association
Augusta, ME

Funding Opportunities:

MainStreet Foundation

Androscoggin Bank's MainStreet Foundation is a \$1,000,000 Foundation with a single purpose and mission-- assist organizations with a focus on helping at-risk youth in Maine. Deadline: October 15, 2016. [Guidelines and application process](#)

Simmons Foundation

Giving for the arts, education, health, and family services. Deadline: October 15, 2016. [Guidelines and application process](#)

Alfred M. Senter Fund

Public charities benefiting from this Fund are involved in promoting the cultural, educational, environmental wellbeing and general health and welfare of the inhabitants of the Towns of Brunswick, Topsham, Durham, Harpswell, West Bath and Lisbon and the City of Bath, all in the State of Maine. Deadline: October 31, 2016. [Guidelines and application process](#)

Lawrence Foundation

[The Lawrence Foundation](#) awards grants in the areas of the environment, education, human services and disaster relief. Deadline: November 1, 2016. [Guidelines and application process](#)

Edwin S. Webster Foundation

Giving primarily to organizations that are well known to the foundation's trustees, with emphasis on hospitals, medical research, education, youth agencies, cultural activities, and programs addressing the needs of minorities. Deadline: November 1, 2016. [Guidelines and application process](#)

TD Charitable Foundation

The TD Charitable Foundation is accepting applications to its Nonprofit Training Research Fund. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to community-based organizations wishing to send one or more employees to an approved class/course that will enhance their job performance. Rolling Deadline. [Guidelines and application process](#)

Success Stories:

The **Town of Thomaston** is currently working to reconstruct Main Street to include water line replacement, new storm drainage, and granite curbing and paving. With a majority of the work completed this fall, the project is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2017. Also on-going is the Wadsworth Street Bridge replacement and the installation of new benches at the Mill River Park.

Jeffrey Hewitt, Director of Community Development and MCDA Member is the 2016 Featured Administrator of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for his participation in the Skowhegan Downtown Revitalization Project.



Deborah Johnson, Director of the Maine Office of Community Development, was awarded the James Reeves Member Service Award at the annual COSCDA conference held recently in Savannah, Georgia. James Reeves was an exemplary state official, who served the people of Mississippi for many years. Jim also was a dedicated and loyal member of COSCDA, who belonged to our organization himself, but also involved his colleagues in COSCDA. To honor Jim's memory, the COSCDA board established a special award, to be announced each year at the annual conference, to recognize a COSCDA member who has made particular and sustained contributions to the organization during a five-year period.

Debbie was recognized as a consummate advocate of COSCDA and its policies, willing to take on challenges and complete tasks with actions, not only words. On numerous occasions, she followed through with action to match her words and has challenged other COSCDA members to also take action. Debbie has worked tirelessly with her US Congressional representatives and staff for educating them and requesting their support on COSCDA member issues. She is always an advocate of the programs serving and benefitting the people of all states. Debbie's concern for the mission of the COSCDA organization is unbounded. Her dynamic energetic, displaying a serving spirit, always willing to lend a hand attitude was the reason she was honored, by COSCDA, with this award.

Congratulations Debbie!

“The local food movement has been sweeping across our country and our state for some time now, but where better to establish a stronger connecting between our farmers and folks’ tables than right here in the agricultural capital of Maine,



Aroostook County,” stated Tim Goff, Executive Director of the **Fort Fairfield** Chamber of Commerce. “We have an abundance of farmers growing high quality products throughout our community and beyond, plus many backyard growers who produce more than they could ever consume in their own garden. We believe establishing a weekly market downtown will provide a wonderful opportunity for our local food producers to sell their products, and for customers to get the freshest, high-quality items available.”

Andrea Smith, Development Program Manager, at the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development, has been chosen as the new contact for the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC). The NBRC is a partnership between the federal government and the states of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. The NBRC targets resources to promote economic growth strategies and projects in the northern areas of its member states. Its mission is to catalyze regional, collaborative, and transformative community economic development approaches that alleviate economic distress and position the region for economic growth. For more information on NBRC, visit their website at www.nbrc.gov.

MCDA Past Presidents

Gail Chase	2015-2017	Scott Pierz	1996-1997
Darryl Sterling	2013-2015	Perley Beane	1994-1995
Rodney Lynch	2011-2013	Orman Whitcomb	1992-1993
James Gulnac	2009-2011	Debbie Wyman	
Tony Levesque	2008-2009	Nancy Gervais	
Chris Spruce	2007	Dan Feeney	
Isaac Wagner	2006	Arthur Faucher	
Matthew Eddy	2004-2005	Terry McCabe	
Peter Lyford	2002-2003	Charles Upton	
Al Smith	2000-2001	Rick Michaud	
Tony Levesque	1998-1999	Laurie Windsor	

Economic and Community Development Resources

Federal

U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development

www.hud.gov

USDA Rural Development

www.rurdev.usda.gov

U.S. Small Business Administration

www.sbaonline.sba.gov

Regional

Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments

www.avcog.org

Central Maine Growth Council

www.centralmaine.org

Eastern Maine Development Corporation

www.emdc.org

Hancock County Planning Commission

www.hcpcme.org

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments

www.kvcog.org

Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission

www.lincolncountymaine.me

Other

ALPHA ONE

www.alphaone.now.com

Coastal Enterprises, Inc.

www.ceimaine.org

Finance Authority of Maine

www.famemaine.com

State

Maine Department of Economic and Community
Development

www.meocd.org

USDA Rural Development in Maine

www.rurdev.usda.gov/me

Small Business Development Centers

www.mainesbdc.org

Midcoast Economic Development District

www.mceddme.org

Northern Maine Development Commission

www.nmdc.org

Penquis Community Action Program

www.penquis.org

Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission

www.smrpc.org

Sunrise County Economic Council

www.sunrisecounty.org

Washington County Council of Governments

www.wccog.net

Maine Downtown Center

www.mdf.org/mdc

Maine State Housing Authority

www.mainehousing.org



Thursday, October 6, 2016

12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON & PROGRAM*

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

***Season's Grille
& Sports Lounge***
427 Main Street
Bangor, ME 04401

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

1. *Welcome and Introductions by Gail Chase, President MCDA 2015-2017*
2. *Approval of September 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes*
3. *Treasurer's Report and Financials*
4. *Election of Officers 2016 - Nominations Committee*
5. *Secretary's and Newsletter Report – Joella R. Theriault*
6. *Membership Report – Tony Levesque*
7. *Professional Development Committee Report – Steve Dyer*
8. *Remarks by DECD/OCD Staff*
9. *Next Meeting Date*
10. *Guest Speaker – Tanya Emery, Director of Community and Economic Development,
City of Bangor*
11. *Adjourn*

**Luncheon is at no cost to members. Luncheon and business meeting at 12:00 noon.*

2016 MCDA Board of Directors

Member	Affiliation	Address	Phone	Term Expires
President				
Gail Chase	Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	17 Main Street Fairfield, ME 04937-1119	(207) 453-4258	October, 2017
Vice President				
Stephen Dyer	Ransom Environmental Consulting	400 Commercial Street, Suite 404 Portland, ME 04102	(207) 772-2891	October, 2017
Treasurer				
Mathew Eddy	Town of Kennebunk	1 Summer Street Kennebunk, ME 04043	(207) 985-2102 Ext. 1366	October, 2017
Secretary				
Joella R. Theriault	Northern Maine Development Commission	P.O. Box 779 Caribou, ME 04736	(207) 543-1802	October, 2017
Past President				
Darryl Sterling	Economic and Community Development Consulting	1 Tulip Street Richmond, ME 04357	(207) 807-9062	October, 2017
Board Members				
Anne Krieg	Town of Bridgton	3 Chase Street, Suite 1 Bridgton, ME 04009	(207) 647-8786	October, 2016
Suzie Paradis	Town of Madawaska	328 St. Thomas Street Madawaska, ME 04756	(207) 728-3612	October, 2016
Scott Laflamme	City of Bath	55 Front Street Bath, ME 04530	(207) 443-8332	October, 2017
Tracey Steuber	Town of Lisbon	300 Lisbon Street Lisbon, ME 04250	(207) 353-3000	October, 2017

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