

MAINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2008

The Maine Community Development Association held its annual meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2008 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Please see the attached sign-in sheet for members present.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS were made by MCDA President T. Levesque.
2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Membership Chairman Al Smith proposed the nomination of Stephen Dyer, Ransom Environmental Consultants, Inc. and Wade Hanson, Town of Houlton to serve two-year terms as Board Members. Seeing no other nominations from the floor, J. Gulnac moved to close nominations; seconded by J. Theriault. Motion passed. M. Baran moved to have the secretary cast one ballot; seconded by A. Smith. Motion passed.
3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AUGUST 22, 2008 MEETING MINUTES: Motion by J. Gulnac to approve the meeting minutes as presented; seconded by J. Theriault. The minutes were approved.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: T. Levesque presented the following Treasurer's Report:

As of August 31, 2008	
Fund Balance	\$9,520.00

Moved by M. Baran and seconded by J. Gulnac to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously. The Plus One Campaign was encouraged in order to boost membership revenues.

5. CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence was presented at this time.
6. UPDATE FROM DECD/OCD and COSCDA CONFERENCE: M. Baran provided information on the following:
 - a. CDBG Applications: The applications are scheduled to be on-line next week. Application workshops will be scheduled beginning with Caribou on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 1:00 p.m., followed by workshops in Bangor, Machias, and Saco or Sanford. More specific dates and locations to follow.
 - b. Riverfront Community Development Program: DECD received 30 applications totaling approximately \$9,000,000. Full applications are due by October 24th.

- c. Neighborhood Stabilization Program: Maine will be receiving \$19.6 million of CDBG funds this fiscal year. Entitlement cities did not receive additional funds. DECD has identified 500+ foreclosed homes in the state. In order to be eligible for the NSP funds, the property in question must be abandoned (meaning that no one has lived in the property or made a mortgage within the past 90 days) or foreclosed on. Eligible uses can include purchase/rehab/resale of these properties. The criterion for qualifying prospective has been changed to LMM (Low-Moderate-Middle) income, which includes income up to 120% of median. At least 25% of the funds must be allocated to families earning 50% or lower median income. Another eligible use is to place the property in a land bank, which makes the property available for future use. OCD has partnered with Maine State Housing Authority and prepared an action plan that will be submitted to the Governor's Office. It was noted that the Town of Sanford has the highest concentration of foreclosed properties. For more information on this program, visit the website at www.hud.gov/nsp.
 - d. COSCD: Unfortunately, no one from MCDA was available to attend the annual conference. M. Baran reported that the conference in Williamsburg, Virginia was informative. The focus of the conference was on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.
7. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be a teleconference scheduled for Friday, October 31, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
8. OTHER:
- a. President Levesque thanked R. Lynch and J. Gulnac for coordinating the Maine Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Workshop with the Maine Association of Planners.
 - b. Mike Baran was named "Manager of the Year" by the Governor.
 - c. President Levesque presented an award to be given to Mary Walton for her service to MCDA.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

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