



Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 4, 2012
12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

The MCDA Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, October 4, 2012 beginning at Noon at Margaritas Restaurant in Augusta, ME. A total of 23 members were in attendance. See attached attendance list.

- I. **Call To Order:** Darryl Sterling, MCDA Vice President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and welcomed everyone. He then asked for each attendee to introduce themselves.
- II. **Luncheon:**
- III. **Business Meeting:**
 - i. **Review September 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes:** Moved by Tammy Knight to table the approval of the meeting minutes; seconded by G. Chase. Motion passed.
 - ii. **Secretary's Report:** Joella Theriault reported that the next issue of the MCDA Newsletter should be completed and made available sometime during the week of October 8th. Anyone having a news article should submit it at any time. Copies of the July-September Newsletter and the 2012 Annual Report were made available.
 - iii. **Treasurer's Report:** Ron Harriman presented the Treasurer's Report (a copy is attached to the meeting minutes). The Fund Balance as of August 31, 2012 is \$12,507. Moved by T. Levesque and seconded by S. Dyer to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.
 - iv. **Membership Report:** Steve Dyer reported that we have exceeded our goal of 40 members by 1. Renewal letters will be mailed out in November.
 - v. **Remarks by DECD-OCD staff:**
 - a. Public Hearing: The CDBG public hearing is scheduled for October 10 at the DECD Office in Augusta. MCDA will present their comments during the October 10 public hearing. Written comments will be accepted until October 20. Once comments are compiled, they will be presented to the administration for comment. On November 15, all proposed changes will be submitted to HUD for approval. Once approved, the rule-making process and final program statement with applications will be developed fairly quickly.
 - b. Letters of Intent (LOI): The letters of intent will be accepted electronically. It is anticipated that Project Development applications and CDBG applications will soon follow.
 - c. Administrator of the Year: Darryl Sterling was selected as Administrator of the Year.

- d. Deborah Johnson, Program Director, stated that Maine could have more CDBG funds than anticipated if Congress passes the budget. She noted that the State of Maine is not the only state to make significant changes in its CDBG program. She stated that “infrastructure is big; housing is big; and economic development is big” as priorities for the 2013 CDBG program.
- e. The Maine Food Strategy: Mary Ann Hayes distributed a flyer entitled *The Maine Food Strategy*. This is an initiative to create a broader and more strongly connected network of organizations, agencies, businesses and individuals contributing to the food system in Maine. Mary Ann Hayes will serve as the MCDA Liaison to the project.

IV. **Election of Officers:** Chairman Al Smith presented the slate of officers as follows:

- Treasurer – Mathew Eddy
- At Large – Stephen Dyer
- At Large – Wade Hanson

Other Executive Committee Members:

- President – Rodney Lynch
- Vice President – Darryl Sterling
- Secretary – Joella R. Theriault
- At Large – Gail Chase
- At Large – Suzie Paradis

Call for nominations; seeing none, T. Martin moved to cease nominations; seconded by G. Chase. Motion passed with all in favor. Motion by T. Levesque to cast one ballot for the slate of officers as presented; seconded by T. Martin. The vote was unanimous to accept the nomination as presented.

- V. **Awards Presentation:** Al Smith, retired Bath Community Development Director, was presented with the MCDA Lifetime Achievement Award and Ron Harriman was presented with a plaque for his many years of commitment as the MCDA Treasurer. Ron will be replaced by Mathew Eddy as Treasurer.
- VI. **Guest Speaker –** Mark Ouellette: Mark Ouellette, Executive Director of Mobilize Maine delivered his presentation on Mobilize Maine. This is a new economic development strategy that looks at an asset-based approach rather than needs-based. Mobilize Maine works with the economic development districts to define regional uniqueness and to define long term goals and objectives. The goal of this initiative is to create good jobs.
- VII. **Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference.
- VIII. Moved by Jon Edgerton and seconded by Gail Chase to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joella R. Theriault
MCDA Secretary