



Annual Meeting
Wednesday, October 3, 2013
12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

The MCDA Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2013 beginning at Noon at Margaritas Restaurant in Augusta, ME. A total of 20 members were in attendance. See attached attendance list in Appendix A.

- I. **Call To Order:** Rodney Lynch, MCDA President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and welcomed everyone. He then asked for each attendee to introduce themselves.
- II. **August 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes:** Moved by T. Levesque to approve; seconded by S. Dyer. Motion passed.
- III. **Election of Officers:** Chairwoman Gail Chase presented the slate of officers as follows:
 - President – Darryl Sterling
 - Vice President – Gail Chase
 - Treasurer – Mathew Eddy
 - Secretary – Joella R. Theriault
 - Member at Large (1 Year) – Justin Poirier
 - Member At Large (2 Year) – Suzie Paradis
 - Member At Large (2 Year) – Tom Martin

R. Lynch called for other nominations; hearing none, A. Krieg moved to accept the slate of officers as presented; seconded by S. Dyer. Motion passed. T. Levesque proposed to have secretary case one ballot. At this time, incoming MCDA President D. Sterling conducted the remainder of the business meeting.
- IV. **Awards Presentation by President:** : Rodney Lynch was presented with a plaque in appreciation for serving two years as MCDA's president and Joella R. Theriault was presented with a plaque in appreciation for service as Secretary and Newsletter Editor since 2002/2003.
- V. **Treasurer's Report and August, 2013 Financials:** Matt Eddy presented the Treasurer's Report (Appendix B). The Fund Balance as of July 31, 2013 is \$13,497.
- VI. **Proposed FY2013-2014 Budget:** The Proposed Budget for 2014 (Appendix C) lists revenues at \$3,818 and expenditures at \$3,416. Motion by T. Levesque and seconded by G. Chase to adopt the proposed budget as presented. Motion passed.
- VII. **Secretary's and Newsletter Report:** Joella Theriault requested the need for action on an e-mail circulating in reference to comments made by Tom Martin regarding the 2014 CDBG Proposed Program Statement. A copy of the e-mail dated September 18, 2013 from Tom Martin is attached as Appendix D. T. Levesque suggested on September 27 that MCDA support these comments.

Moved by A. Krieg and seconded by Judy East to support the comments. All in favor; motion passed.

- VIII. **Membership Report:** Stephen Dyer reported that there has been an increase in membership and that renewal letters will be mailed out in November.
- IX. **Remarks by DECD-OCD staff:**
- a. Deborah Johnson reported that the federal funding for the 2013 CDBG Program was available because the money was received prior to the federal shutdown.
 - b. The Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) under the Environmental Review Record will be accessed on-line using a user id. The State's HEROES system allows for the ERR to be completed on-line. There will be more changes at OCD to reflect the changes with HUD and the use of electronic applications.
 - c. D. Johnson appreciates MCDA's support of the 2014 Proposed Program Statement.
- X. **Remarks on National COSCDA Conference:** The Annual Conference of COSCDA was held in Salt Lake City, Utah from September 15-18, 2013 and was attended by Deborah Johnson, Program Director, Office of Community Development. She reports that the CDBG program appears to be in a good position and urged MCDA members to support a continuing resolution for 2014.
- XI. **2012-13 Annual Report:** Joella R. Theriault highlighted the training sessions and the new members articles in the Annual Report. Copies of the Annual Report were made available to the membership.
- XII. **Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting date will be a teleconference call of the General Membership scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2013. Instructions for the teleconference will be included in the agenda.
- XIII. **Guest Speaker –** Mike Duguay of Summit Natural Gas was the guest speaker. With new technology in extracting natural gas, Maine is well-positioned to supply the Northeast with their abundance of natural gas. Summit Natural Gas' corporate office is located in Colorado. Colorado is the 5th largest state in production of natural gas. Summit expanded in Maine in 1997 and focus was on serving the "underserved population". Summit is currently looking at extending natural gas to a 68-mile area in Central Maine equal to an investment of \$350 million. This type of investment will have a residual impact of approximately \$75 to \$100 million in job creation, particularly in the HVAC sector. Converting to natural gas from oil will result in an average savings of \$1,500 per year for residential. This creates a great deal of disposable income, putting money back in 'people's pockets'. For more information, contact Mike at mduguay@summitnaturalgas.com
- XIV. **Adjourn:** Moved by R. Lynch and seconded by J. Poirier to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joella R. Theriault

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