



Maine Community Development Association

MCDA Annual Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2023

1. Welcome and Introductions: Scott LaFlamme, President MCDA

In attendance:

Scott LaFlamme, President	Town of Yarmouth
Tracey Desjardins, Immediate Past President	City of Saco
Jen Peters, Vice President	Sunrise County Economic Council
Darryl Sterling, Director	Economic Development Consultant
Tony Levesque, Member	Town of Fort Fairfield
Vicki Rusbult, Member	Eastern Maine Development Corp
Deborah Johnson, Member	Office of Community Development
TerryAnn Stevens, Member	Office of Community Development
Galen Weibley, Member	City of Presque Isle
EJ Roach, Member	City of Old Town
Torie Gorman, Member	City of Saco

2. DECD Update and Remarks:

Update on the CDBG process, program statement, and proposed schedule - MCDA is an “advisory group” for the Maine Office of Community Development and it is one of the groups that MEOCD hopes will read the proposed statement when it is made available. Also, MEOCD has offered to cover membership dues for CDBG Technical Assistance providers. Many have still not joined, so MEOCD will cover the membership dues for all TA providers and will send them a message letting them know that their participation can be covered by their TA contract.

3. Election of Board Members and Leadership Positions:

Scott presented the slate of officers set forth by the nominating committee:

Jen Peters – President
EJ Roach – Vice President
Stephen Dyer – Treasurer
Kristen Henry – Secretary
Tracey Desjardins – Member at Large
Darryl Sterling - Member at Large

Motion to approve the slate as presented: Tracey, 2nd, Darryl. Approved

Other executive committee members:

Scott LaFlamme – Immediate Past President

Nancy Ketch – Member at Large
Galen Weibley – Member at Large

4. Buffet Lunch and Organizational Work Session

Jen took over the meeting from Scott. Discussion on future meetings: the November meeting will be in-person. Vicki and EJ will act as a meeting committee and will coordinate this meeting in Bangor. The tentative date is Thursday, November 9th. Agenda items to include:

1. Set the next year's meeting schedule. Scott suggested staying with monthly meetings.
2. Approve the budget for next year
3. Determine future projects and set committees

Adjournment: 1:00