



Maine Community Development Association

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Annual Town Meetings and Elections during COVID-19

The following relevant resources and guidance to assist municipalities with practical considerations related to public and/or annual meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic is presented to help guide municipalities with approaches for holding an annual Town meeting. As of November 5, 2020 gathering limit requirements have been established by Executive Order of the Governor's Office.

OPTION 1: GATHERING OF UP TO 50 PEOPLE INDOORS/100 OUTDOORS

- Voter seating must be spaced 6' apart;
- Moderator must be visible and able to be heard by all attendees;
- If used, microphones should not be passed from person to person but rather use a microphone stand and request participants not touch the microphone;
- It is recommended that participants wear a mask at all times, and
- Voter lines outside the polling place shall enforce the 6' separation.

OPTION 2: DRIVE-IN TOWN MEETINGS

- Meeting must be located in a single enclosed outdoor area sufficient for vehicles to be spaced 6' apart with one or more limited points of entry for vehicles to check in with the registrar;
- Voters must be provided colored cards of sufficient size to allow "show of hands" voting through the vehicle's window opening; and
- Participants interacting with workers must wear a face covering when checking in, registering to vote, pickup up or dropping ballots.

OPTION 3: INDOOR TOWN MEETINGS USING MULTIPLE ROOMS WITHIN ONE FACILITY

- The meeting must occur using multiple rooms within one facility taking into account space limitations and gathering limits;
- Strict separation between meeting rooms must be maintained to prevent free passage between rooms;
- At a minimum, intercoms, microphones or other similar technology must be provided to maintain adequate and continuous ability for all present to hear all discussion, motions, and voting. Video technology is encouraged; and
- A deputy moderator must be present in each room.

Additional guidance for workers, cleaning and disinfection, building and operational considers can be found at www.maine.gov/decd/checklists/town-meeting.

News from Around the State—

BIDDEFORD

The City of Biddeford, Treadwell Franklin Infrastructure Capital (TFIC), Amber Infrastructure Group (Amber) and PC Construction broke ground on a 640-space parking garage on the city-owned 3 Lincoln Street property on August 11, 2020.

The garage will support parking needs for development of Biddeford's Mill District, including the future mixed-use development set for the 3 Lincoln Street site as well as the Lincoln Mill and Riverdam Mill redevelopment projects already underway. It will also relieve the existing parking pressures in Biddeford's growing downtown.

In September 2019, the Biddeford City Council directed the City Manager to enter into an agreement with TFIC to complete the City's RiverWalk project and to develop and manage the City's new parking garage and nearby surface parking lots. TFIC joined with Amber, a frequent collaborative partner, for execution of the development projects. The City's progressive Development Agreement with its project partners allows the construction to be completed without the use of residential property tax dollars and with no impact on Biddeford's tax rate. Instead, the City will contribute to the project through two sources: annual payments from the City's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues, which do not come from residential property taxpayers, and fee revenues collected from the operation of the parking garage and downtown surface lots.

The garage is expected to be in service in July 2021. Parking on all streets in Biddeford will continue to be free. Read more about the project at www.biddefordmaine.org/parkinggarage.



"This parking garage is a critical piece in the redevelopment and reemergence of Biddeford as a desirable community", Mayor Alan Casavant said during the ceremony. "It shatters the old stereotype of the city being mothering mor than a dying mill town, and it provides the needed parking spaces to be a catalyst for future development within the downtown. I believe that it is symbolic in who we are as a people and who we want to be."



Project partners from TFIC, Amber, and PC Construction break ground on the garage along with Mayor Alan Casavant, City Manager James Bennett, and Sen. Susan Deschambault (Courtesy: The Knight Canney Group)



MDF's Maine Downtown Center has just launched a new initiative, the Main Street Fellows AmeriCorps Program, which will place five Fellows in five Main Street Maine communities to help develop systems and strategies for a more resilient future. A central focus will be on increasing social capital, fostering more welcoming and equitable communities, and sharing new mindsets and models needed for communities to thrive. Our inaugural team of Main Street Fellows will apply their considerable skills

and talents to provide Biddeford, Gardiner, Rockland, and Skowhegan, as well as several other MDC member communities with a collective 8,500 hours of support to help develop systems and strategies for a more resilient future. The Fellows are serving as a part of Maine's robust network of AmeriCorps volunteers. Check out this link [HERE](#) to read more about the Main Street Fellows.

Article Submitted by Anne Ball, Senior Program Director

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

The 2021 CDBG Program Statement was released on January 6, 2021 announcing the distribution of community and economic development and technical assistance programs in the amount of \$11,951,816. The following table provides a list of the programs as well as budget amounts and due dates for applications.

Program	Budget Amounts	Letter of Intent Due Date	Application Due Date
Rural Housing Preservation Program	\$1,000,000	N/A	N/A
Downtown Revitalization Grants	\$ 300,000	January 29, 2021	March 26, 2021
Home Repair Network Program	\$1,600,000	N/A	N/A
Housing Assistance Grants	\$1,500,000	March 5, 2021	May 7, 2021
Public Service Grants	\$ 200,000	March 26, 2021	May 7, 2021
Public Infrastructure Grants	\$3,400,000	N/A	N/A
Regional Council Planning Assistance	\$ 114,000	N/A	N/A
Small Business Development Centers	\$ 100,000	N/A	N/A
Maine Development Foundation/ Downtown Center Assistance	\$ 300,000	N/A	N/A
Urgent Need Grants	\$ 0	N/A	N/A
Special Projects	\$ 379,262	N/A	N/A
Community Enterprise Grants	\$ 600,000	January 29, 2021	April 9, 2021
Economic Development Grants	\$1,200,000	March 5, 2021	May 21, 2021
Micro-Enterprise Assistance Grants	\$ 800,000	N/A	N/A
Administration	\$ 339,036		
Technical Assistance Administration	\$ 119,518		
TOTAL	\$11,951,816		

All CDBG funded activities must meet one of the three National Objectives of the program:

- Benefit to low and moderate income persons;
- Prevention and/or elimination of slum and blight conditions; and
- Meeting community development needs having a particular urgency.

Technical Assistance providers include:

Organization	TA Provider	Email	Phone
Androscoggin Valley Council of Government	Joan Walton	jwalton@avcog.org	207-783-9186
Eastern Maine Development Corporation	Vicki Rusbult	vrusbult@emdc.org	207-942-6389
Hancock County Regional Planning Commission	Sherry Walsh	swalsh@hcpcme.org	207-667-7131
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	Jeff Sneddon	jsneddon@kvcog.org	207-453-4258
Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission	Mary Ellen Barnes	mbarnes@lcrpc.org	207-882-5983
Mid-Coast Economic Development District	Jeff Kobrock	jkobrock@mceddme.org	207-443-5790
Northern Maine Development Commission	Joella Theriault	jtheriault@nmdc.org	207-551-5812
Piscataquis County Economic Development Council			207-564-3638
Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission	Chuck Morgan	cmorgan@smpdc.org	207-571-7065
Washington County Council of Governments			207-454-0465

Maine's FY22-FY23 Biennial Budget

On January 8, 2021, Governor Mills released her \$8.4 million biennial budget, which represents a 3.81% increase over the previous budget. Working with the Revenue Forecast Committee (RFC), this budget represents \$300 million less than the Committee's \$8.7 million revenue projection for FY 2024 and FY 2025. The RFC continues to assert that current conditions are unprecedented, highly uncertain and changing rapidly. The December economic forecast includes significant positive rejections since its August report, but there exist uncertainties of the pandemic, the effectiveness and availability of vaccines, and additional fiscal stimulus that will influence the accuracy of economic forecasting. The RFC will closely monitor incoming economic and revenue data and keep the Governor and Legislature informed of any variances that appear to be developing prior to the next economic revenue forecasting. A table of the General Fund Appropriations can be found at the

following link: [Newsletter Articles\Gov 22-23 Biennial Budget.pdf](#).

In addition to the proposed biennial budget, \$5 million for the Maine Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and support services for people who need to stay in isolation and quarantine and \$1.8 million to facilitate the expansion of broadband into areas with inadequate service is included in the Governor's supplemental budget. The \$1.8 million is earmarked for mapping and technical support to help identify geographic areas in need of broadband access. The pandemic has shown that broadband is important for Maine's economic health.

For a complete detailed look at the biennial and supplemental budgets, please visit <https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/governor-mills-presents-balanced-budget-strengthen-covid-19-response-cover-projected-revenue>

MAINE ASSOCIATION OF PLANNERS

Maine is one of three states that form the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association. The three states of Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire share one website www.nne.planning.org. The Maine Association of Planners (MAP) is a nonprofit organization of over 100 members, including professional public, private, and nonprofit planners, citizen volunteers serving on local boards, and Mainers from other professions like attorneys, landscape architects, professors, and developers. Though this membership works in diverse settings, all members are dedicated to enhancing the practice of planning in Maine.

In 2020, the Maine Association of Planners named Augusta's downtown street reconstruction as "Project of the Year". The detailed planning in redesigning a 70-year traffic pattern and revitalizing the downtown was cited for the recognition. Also recognized was the Maine Mall Transit-Oriented Development Concept Plan as "Plan of the Year" and David Nadeau of Windham was awarded the "Citizen Planner of the Year". For more information on the Northern New England Chapter, visit www.nne.planning.org/sections/maine.

COVID-19-RELATED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP): The Paycheck Protection Program fully reopens January 19, 2021 with qualifying businesses eligible to receive a second round of forgivable loans.

ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN (EIDL): U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) extends the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program for COVID-19 relief deadline to December 31, 2021. EIDL loans have a 3.75% interest rate for businesses and 2.75% interest rate for non-profit organizations with a 30-year maturity and an automatic deferment of one year. The loans can be for up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses that could have been met had the pandemic disaster not occurred. The amount is based on actual economic injury and the company's financial needs. Businesses can apply at www.covid19relief.sba.gov.

CDBG COVID-19: Micro-enterprise businesses with 5 or fewer employees, one of whom owns the enterprise and whose household income is low/moderate is eligible to apply for up to \$5,000. All Micro-Enterprise businesses wishing to submit an application must meet with their local Small Business Development Center Office to determine eligibility.

Funding Opportunities

John T. Gorman Foundation – 2021 Direct Services Grant Program

– The Foundation has allocated \$1,000,000 to the Direct Services Grant Program budget this year. The application will be announced on February 1 and will close March 1. For more information or questions contact Lauralee Raymond at lraymond@jtgfoundation.org.

Community Forestry Projects - Up to \$100,000 is available to Maine's local governments, municipalities, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations through Project Canopy's Community Assistance Grant Program. Project Canopy is a program of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's (DACF) Maine Forest Service. Project Canopy grants are available in two categories: Planning and Education and Tree Planting and Maintenance. Planning and Education grants have a maximum award of \$10,000 and typically range from \$6,000-\$8,000 and require a 50% cost-share with cash or in-kind services. Planning and Maintenance grants have a maximum award of \$8,000. Interested applicants must attend a pre-application, online grant workshop, Wednesday, February 3, 2021. The workshop will cover grant writing, project development, sustainable community forestry management, and grant administration. Grant applications are due by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 12, 2021. More information is available on the Project Canopy website: www.projectcanopy.me.

USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG)

– This is a competitive grant designed to support targeted technical assistance, training, and other activities leading to development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas that have fewer than 50 employees and less than \$1 million in revenues. Programmatic activities are separated into enterprise or opportunity type grant activities. Contact information and application due dates can be found at USDA RBDG's link <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants/me>.

Department of Homeland Security

- The Fire Prevention and Safety Grant program supports fire prevention programs and firefighter health and safety research and development. Categories of support include activities designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidences of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards, and research and development activities aimed at improving firefighter safety. The program is open to fire departments; national, regional, state, local, tribal, and nonprofit organizations, such as academic institutions (e.g., universities); public health and occupational health organizations; and injury

prevention institutions. The application deadline is February 26, 2021.

The new Biden administration is working to garner support for the *American Rescue Plan*, a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief proposal that outlines a robust response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including a recovery plan for the nation's economy. The proposal includes a **\$3 billion set-aside for the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA)**, \$350 billion in state and local government aid, \$15 billion in grants for small businesses, \$1400 direct payments to eligible individual Americans, \$400 per week in unemployment benefits through September 2021, expanded food assistance, an extension of eviction and foreclosure moratoriums until the end of September 2021, and a federal minimum wage of \$15 an hour, among other provisions.

Federal Transit Administration Announces Additional Coronavirus Response Funding

The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has announced \$14 billion in federal funding—including \$678.2 million for rural and tribal service and \$50 million for transportation for older adults and people with disabilities—through the *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021* (CRRSAA). Funding will be provided at 100-percent federal share and will be dispersed through Section 5307, Section 5310, and Section 5311 apportionments. FTA has updated the CARES Act Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) [webpage](#) to reflect CRRSAA funding.



A Knox County developer and Louisiana nonprofit organization are proposing to build a year-round resort with new ski lifts, a hotel, marina, condominiums and more at the site of a longtime ski area overlooking Moosehead Lake. The \$75 million investment would create 300-400 jobs and result in \$2.9 million annually in property taxes for Piscataquis County.

2021 LD List

1st Session of the 130th Maine Legislature

The following LD's is a portion of the 2021 LD lists that may be of interest to MCDA members.

LD 150 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Hazardous Substance Site Cleanups. (Sponsored by Rep. Fay of Raymond) This bill proposes to issue a \$20 million bond for the state match on federal superfund sites and for uncontrolled hazardous substance site investigation and remediation and response actions at dry-cleaner sites, sites contaminated with emerging contaminants like perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and brownfield sites.

LD 133 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Fire Stations. (Sponsored by Rep. Crockett of Portland) The bill proposes to issue a \$25 million bond for the rehabilitation or new construction of fire stations by municipalities.

LD 129 Resolve, To Protect Consumers of Public Drinking Water by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Substances and Contaminants. (Sponsored by Sen. Stewart of Aroostook Cty.) The purpose of this resolve is to adopt measures to protect consumers of public drinking water in Maine from potential health impacts associated with perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances known as PFAS. The resolve requires community water systems and schools and childcare facilities regulated as nontransient, noncommunity water systems to conduct monitoring for PFAS substances. If the monitoring results detect the presence of PFAS at a level in excess of an interim standard, the water system is required to conduct additional monitoring. The resolve also directs the Department of Health and Human Services to undertake rulemaking to establish an enforceable maximum contaminant level for the PFAS by June 1, 2024, which can include adoption of a federal maximum contaminant level if one is available and at least as restrictive as the interim standard.

LD 105 An Act To Adopt the Department of Economic and Community Development's 10-year Strategy for Maine. (Sponsored by Rep. Bailey of Gorham) This concept draft bill proposes to codify the 10-year economic development strategy for Maine that was developed by the Department of Economic and Community Development in 2019.

LD 83 An Act To Clarify the Meaning of "unserved Area" within the State's Broadband Service Laws. (Sponsored by Rep. Riseman of Harrison) This bill clarifies the meaning of "unserved area" within the

state's broadband service laws by providing that the criteria established by the ConnectMaine Authority by rule to define that term must include any geographic area where broadband service is not available or where the speeds available are less than 100 megabits per second for downloads and less than 100 megabits per second for uploads.

LD 65 An Act To Invest in the Stewardship and Management of Properties Acquired with the Proceeds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund or the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund. (Sponsored by Representative O'Neil of Saco) This bill allows a small portion of Land for Maine's Future program bond funds to be used to fund minor capital investments in the stewardship and management of properties acquired with funding from the Land for Maine's Future Fund or the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund, ensuring that these properties are maintained in perpetuity for the purposes for which the properties are conserved.

LD 50 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Housing for Persons Who Are Homeless. (Sponsored by Representative Brennan of Portland) This bill proposes to issue a \$15 million bond for capital construction costs for housing for persons who are homeless.

LD 49 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Infrastructure To Address Sea Level Rise. (Sponsored by Representative Brennan of Portland) This bill proposes to issue a \$50 million bond to address sea level rise by improving waterfront and coastal infrastructure in municipalities.

LD 32 An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Public Proceedings. (Sponsored by Sen. Stewart of Aroostook Cty.) This bill authorizes municipal, county and school boards to adopt a policy allowing members of the body to participate remotely in a public proceeding. It extends the same authority to the University of Maine System, Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine Community College System and other state and regional boards and commissions. Under the policy, a public body may allow the public to attend and observe via remote means. If the public may attend remotely, the notice of the public proceeding must inform the public how to attend remotely. Unless the only way for the public to attend is by remote means, the notice must also identify the location where the public can attend in person.

Jobs & Classifieds

Code Enforcement Officer – Town of Orono – Applicants must be certified as a Code Enforcement Officer and Licensed Plumbing Inspector. Apply online at www.orono.org. Applicants must upload a cover letter detailing how you meet the qualifications and a résumé. Applications without a cover letter and résumé will be considered incomplete and may be rejected without further consideration. The application window remains open until the position is filled.

Planner – City of Ellsworth – A detailed job description is available at www.ellsworthmaine.gov. Submit résumé and cover letter to: City of Ellsworth, 1 City Hall Plaza, Ellsworth, ME 04605, ATTN: Human Resources/Payroll Specialist or email to tdyer@ellsworthmaine.gov. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Town Manager - Town of Oxford – Submit résumé and cover letter with salary requirements to: Town of Oxford, ATTN: Scott Hunter, Chairman, P.O. Box 153, 85 Pleasant Street, Oxford, ME 04270. Envelope should be clearly marketed “Confidential” – Town Manager Vacancy. The position will remain open until filled. No emails will be considered.

Urban Development Specialist – City of Auburn – Send cover letter, résumé and list of references to: Christine Mumau, Human Resource Director, 60 Court Street, Auburn, ME 04210. Telephone (207) 333-6601 Ext.

1416. Email address is cmumau@auburnmaine.gov. Review of résumé will begin immediately and will remain open until the position is filled.

Town Manager – Town of Mars Hill – Send cover letter, résumé, salary requirements, and 3 personal references to Chairman of the Mars Hill Town Council, P.O. Box 449, Mars Hill, ME 04758. For more information, call 425-3731 or email kgarrison@marshillto.com.

Town Manager – Town of Durham – Submit cover letter and résumé by February 12, 2021 to Director of Personnel Services/Labor Relations or by email PersonnelServices@memun.org or by fax at (207) 624-0118 or mail to Director of Personnel Services/Labor Relations, Maine Municipal Association, 60 Community Drive, Augusta, ME 04330.

Town Manager – Town of Casco – Send cover letter, résumé, salary requirements and 5 references by February 16, 2021 either electronically dgerrish@eatonpeabody.com or mail to Casco Manager Search, Eaton-Peabody Consulting Group, ATTN: Don Gerrish, 77 Sewall Street, Suite 3000, Augusta, ME 04330.

See more job listings at www.memun.org.

Upcoming Events

Maine Downtown Center	January 28, 2021 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM www.mdf.org	Annual Awards and Celebration
New England Chapter – Maine Association of Planners	February 11, 2021 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. nne.planning.org/meetings	Architectural Review and Regulations for Planners and Planning Boards
New England Chapter – Maine Association of Planners	March 11, 2021 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. nne.planning.org/meetings	Main Street After COVID-19: What Do Downtowns Need to Adapt
Maine Community Development Association	February 11, 2021 10:00 a.m. www.maineccda.org	General Membership Meeting

Build Maine

Beginning in August, 2019, Build Maine initiated a “call to action” focused on addressing patterns of development that the state cannot financially sustain. One of Build Maine’s mission is to present effective, low-cost solutions to municipal problems. The organization brings together nationally and internationally recognized experts to talk about how to plan, build, maintain, and design communities using common sense in economically sensible ways. For example: Topsham Traffic Changes – John Shattuck, Topsham’s Economic and Community Development Director, has worked with various professionals he met at Build Maine conferences to resolve a number of traffic congestion problems in Topsham. One particular traffic issue was at a section of Maine Street. A low-cost adjustment by redirecting left-hand turns at the traffic light met with resistance from town residents, but ultimately 2:1 were in favor of the changes. Traffic flow is much better along that heavily-traveled section of the town’s roadway.

The first step in Build Maine’s objectives was to develop a shared understanding of the state’s collection of procedures and rules that produce existing patterns of land

development. Following a six-month effort by over 70 individuals, the result was a draft “system map” to identify policy recommendations and other solutions that will produce better fiscal, economic, environmental, and quality of life outcomes for Maine.

The work of Build Maine also resulted in several initiatives included *Draft Legislation for a Maine Redevelopment Land Bank*, which will help communities get properties back into productive reuse and *Development Ready Communities Framework*, which will inform how the state and municipalities work together and align state funding with local projects that provide a positive return on investment.

On September 28, 2020, Build Maine requested towns, cities, regional councils of government, non-profits, professional groups and individuals to sign the *Resolution for Community Reinvestments* as well as review and provide comments on draft policy recommendations.

For more information on Build Maine, visit their website at www.build-maine.com.

Cumulative COVID-19 Cases by County						
County	Cases	Confirmed Cases	Probable Cases	Deaths	Hospitalizations	Case Rate (Per 10K People)
Statewide	36,598	29,780	6,818	544	1,322	273.4
Cumberland	10,563	8,630	1,933	140	356	359.8
York	7,892	6,750	1,142	96	267	382.7
Androscoggin	4,009	3,139	870	52	132	372.3
Penobscot	3,146	2,504	642	56	157	208.2
Kennebec	2,854	2,123	731	38	101	233.8
Oxford	1,755	1,397	358	34	50	304.6
Aroostook	1,083	875	208	34	54	161.4
Somerset	1,034	848	186	25	50	204.4
Hancock	719	613	106	28	36	131.2
Sagadahoc	695	553	142	1	16	195.0
Franklin	666	539	127	7	16	222.8
Washington	556	370	186	8	21	176.6
Knox	543	515	28	4	18	136.5
Waldo	464	409	55	18	23	116.9
Lincoln	437	386	51	2	15	127.2
Piscataquis	181	129	52	1	10	107.7
Unknown	1	0	1	0	0	

Source: maine.gov/dhhs

ABOUT MCDA

MCDA's Purpose –

To provide forums to increase awareness and foster communication relating to community development issues and concerns and to provide education and training through workshops.

MCDA Meetings –

The annual meeting of the association takes place at the annual convention of the Maine Municipal Association. Beginning in December, general membership and executive committee meetings are held the second Thursday of every other month. The Executive Committee meetings are called by the President or majority of officers on an as-needed basis.

MCDA Newsletters –

Quarterly newsletters highlighting community and economic development articles of special interest throughout the State of Maine are made available to the general membership via the MCDA website.

Benefits to Becoming an MCDA Member –

- MCDA Funding Opportunities
- Training and Workshops
- Legislative Advocacy
- Affiliation with other Agencies and Organizations
- Links to Funding and Business Agencies
- MCDA's ability to network with multiple partners

Who's Invited to Join –

ANY PERSON, MUNICIPALITY, OR FIRM EMPLOYED BY OR INTERESTED IN ECONOMIC AND/OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

The composition of MCDA's Executive Committee and current membership offers new members an extensive knowledge base of community and economic development programs and available financial resources. The tenure and experience of this association can provide new members with a multiple resource base on a variety of proposed projects in your community. If interested in serving on one of the following committees, please signify by checking the subcommittee of choice on your membership application.

- ✓ Advocacy
- ✓ Communications
- ✓ Finance
- ✓ Professional Development
- ✓ Membership
- ✓ Officer/Executive Committee

DID YOU KNOW!!!

The American Society of Civil Engineers' 2020 Report Card for Maine's Infrastructure

<i>Aviation</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>Bridges</i>	<i>C-</i>
<i>Dams</i>	<i>D+</i>
<i>Drinking Water</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>Energy</i>	<i>C+</i>
<i>Hazardous Waste</i>	<i>D+</i>
<i>Levees</i>	<i>C-</i>
<i>Parks</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>Ports</i>	<i>B-</i>
<i>Rail</i>	<i>C+</i>
<i>Roads</i>	<i>D</i>
<i>Schools</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>Solid Waste</i>	<i>C-</i>
<i>Stormwater</i>	<i>C-</i>
<i>Transit</i>	<i>D+</i>
<i>Wastewater</i>	<i>D+</i>

Each category is evaluated on the basis of capacity, condition, funding, future need, operation and maintenance, public safety, resilience and innovation.

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Local Government Center
60 Community Drive
Augusta, ME 04330-9486

(207) 623-8428 or
1-800-452-8786

www.maineccda.org

*MCDA Subcommittee
Members:*

Advocacy
Vacant (Chair)
Tony Levesque

Communications
Joella R. Theriault (Chair)
Tony Levesque
Stephen Dyer
Darryl Sterling

Finance
Mathew Eddy (Chair)
Executive Committee

Professional Development
Scott LaFlamme (Chair)
Jennifer Peters
Tony Levesque
Linda Smith
Cary Tyson

Membership
Tony Levesque (Interim Chair)

Nomination
Tony Levesque (Chair)

2020-2021 MCDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

	Term Expiration
President: Tracey Desjardins City of Gardiner 6 Church Street Gardiner, ME 04345 (207) 582-4200	October, 2021
Vice President: Scott LaFlamme Town of Yarmouth 200 Main Street Yarmouth, ME 04096 (207) 846-2401 Ext. 227	October, 2021
Treasurer: Mathew Eddy City of Biddeford P.O. Box 586 Biddeford, ME 04005 (207) 282-7119	October, 2021
Secretary: Joella R. Theriault Northern Maine Development Commission P.O. Box 779 Caribou, ME 04736 (207) 551-5812	October, 2021
Immediate Past President: Stephen Dyer Ransom Environmental Consulting 400 Commercial Street, Suite 404 Portland, ME 04102 (207) 772-2891	October, 2021

Board Members

Darryl Sterling Economic Development Consultant 11 Corliss Street Bath, ME 04530 (207) 807-9062	October, 2021
Cary Tyson Portland Downtown 549 Congress Street Portland, ME 04101 (207) 772-6828	October, 2021
Nancy Ketch Town of Houlton 21 Water Street Houlton, ME 04730 (207) 521-5938	October, 2022
Jennifer Peters Sunrise County Economic Council 7 Ames Way Machias, ME 04654 (207) 255-0983	October, 2022