

# AGENDA

## SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 16<sup>th</sup> , 2009  
Anderson Learning Center, 21 Bradeen St.  
Springvale, Me.

9:00 AM

#### 1. Minutes of March 12th Meeting

*The minutes for the March 12, 2009 meeting are enclosed.*

#### 2. Treasurer's Report

*The Treasurer's Report for March is enclosed.*

#### 3. Brownfields Grant

*As we discussed at the last meeting the town of Sanford is now applying for a \$160,000 grant (the remainder of our initial 1 million dollar allocation) to undertake the clean up of the Sanford Mill in downtown Sanford. The town who recently acquired the property is proposing to clean up the site and then transfer the property to Northland Enterprises who will then develop the mill into a mixed use project. I have enclosed a summary of the project. The staff is supportive of the application, although there are still a few questions that we will address at the meeting. The developer and a representative from the town will be present to discuss the application.*

#### 4. Annual Meeting

*Time for the Annual Meeting Discussion. We are looking at four possible venues:*

- 1) The North Dam Mill in Biddeford, which has a function room and caterer (and where we have spent about 600k of Brownfields money)*

- 2) *The Oak Street Bistro (formerly Leedy's in Alfred,) which is a central location.*
- 3) *The Above and Beyond Room in Sanford (across from Town Hall where we had prior gatherings before last year) and would need a caterer.*
- 4) *The East Restaurant in Wells – a Chinese Restaurant with apparently a beautiful meeting room (this is JT's suggestion).*

*Marian has put together a chart of the options, but generally the cost will run about \$20-25 per person.*

*We are proposing to have an Energy focus with this meeting and are formulating a possible presentation. The State Planning Office has provided funding for a workshop/panel. One thought we also had was to hold the meeting in Biddeford so we could also have a tour of the mill we have helped rehab, the Saco Wind Turbine and also the new Energy Efficient Tran Station in Saco. These are all within walking distance or a short drive of one another. I think it is important to address energy and energy efficiency, as there is also a lot of money being put out there from the stimulus and other sources to address energy*

## 5. Budget

*I have enclosed another version of the budget, which is nearly identical to the previous version. We are still awaiting word on some potential projects. We should have a final version in May to forward to the Annual Meeting.*

## 6. Quality of Place Legislation

*I have enclosed the summary of LD 1389, Maine Quality of Place Investment Strategy, which lays out a significant role for Regional Planning and Development Districts as far as setting regional investment strategies and then providing an avenue by which they might be funded.*

*There are a lot of issues involved here, which are better summarized at the meeting,, but in general this is a bill the Board might wish to support in it's current form.*

*The entire bill can be found at:*

*[http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/bills\\_124th/billpdfs/SP050501.pdf](http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/bills_124th/billpdfs/SP050501.pdf)*

*I have also included the summary of a new initiative, Mobilize Maine, which is proposed to begin in the next few months down here and is to be conducted by the various Economic Development Districts (including ours – which means we work jointly with GPCOG on it). I can explain more at the meeting.*

## **Other**

Next meeting: