

AGENDA

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 28, 2010

9:00 AM

Anderson Learning Center

21 Bradeen St.

Springvale, Me.

(Meeting will be downstairs in Nasson Heritage Room)

1. Minutes of August 18th 2010.

The minutes for the meetings are enclosed.

2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for September is enclosed (including Brownfields information).

3. Update from Transportation Staff on Important/Ongoing Regional Transportation Planning Projects

Tom Reinauer, SMRPC Transportation Director would like to talk with the Executive Committee about a number of ongoing DOT related projects. These include:

- *Highway Simplification Study*
- *York County Central Corridor Study*
- *Kittery Bridges*

4. Dues for Upcoming Year

I would like to recommend that we continue with our current plan and increase dues by 3% for the upcoming year. As you may recall we had a lengthy discussion on this last year and rather than going for a large increase we decided instead to adopt a more incremental approach. This resulted in all towns paying for their membership at this rate. For the time being, and as we do need to continue raising these revenues, I think it makes sense for the upcoming fiscal year (which actually starts in July 2011). I have enclosed the dues for the past year and what the amount would be for the new year.

5. Brownfields Update

Below is the budgetary summary for our Brownfields Loan/Grant Program. We recently submitted two grants for assessment funding (400k total).

	Total	Subgrant	Loan	Balance
Petroleum Kennebunk	\$400,000	\$160,000	\$0	\$240,000
Hazardous North Berwick Sanford South Berwick North Dam Mill	\$2,700,000	\$200,000 \$200,000 \$200,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,100,000
Total		\$600,000	\$1,000,000	
Grand Total	\$3,100,000	\$760,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,340,000
Total Grant Funds Available		\$1,240,000		
Balance of Grant Funds Available		\$480,000		
Total Funds Available		1,340,000		

6. Two Regional Planning Projects

In addition to the transportation projects above, I also wanted to update the Board on two other projects in the pipeline (possibly).

- *1.6 million dollar HUD Sustainable Communities Grant with GPCOG and others. I have enclosed a press release on this project, which was funded last week. This will be a big part of our work over the next year or so and may require some additional staff. This project has been approved for funding.*
- *Mobilize Maine is a project being supported by DECD with economic development funding from Fairpoint. Other than the Fairpoint funding there is no other money on the table for this project. However, I would like to discuss it with the Board to keep everyone up to date as it may be an initiative we begin shortly. I have enclosed a bulleted version of what is being discussed.*
- *Hopefully I will have an update of the EDD situation (a letter from the Governor) on Thursday*

7. Energy Project with Kittery and six Towns

At the last meeting we discussed the Revolving Loan Fund Project for energy projects in Kittery. There were some contractual and liability issues associated with setting up the project. Apparently Kittery has received the go ahead from the Kittery Town Council to begin setting up the project. At this point our role will be limited to doing the reporting and administration for Kittery. Any RLF work will be under a separate contract with a third party (not us). I can supply further details on Thursday. I have included a rudimentary flow chart for the project although it is likely someone other than BSAEDC will be doing the RLF.

8. York County Advocacy Project

This effort of working with our legislators has been proposed by Managers and other elected officials to continue in the upcoming legislative session. Once again our role, is merely as an administrator and information conduit.

A meeting is scheduled for mid November to discuss areas of concern with legislators. All are invited to attend. I would also say if Board members have specific legislative items they think are important to their region please let me know.

Other

Big thank you to Dick Bicknell for his years of service.

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