

AGENDA

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 28th, 2011

Anderson Learning Center, 21 Bradeen St.

Springvale, Me.

(Meeting will be downstairs in Nasson Heritage Room)

9:00 AM

1. Minutes of January 20th.

The minutes for the meetings are enclosed.

2. Treasurer's Report

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

3. Brownfields

I had anticipated a loan application as I had e-mailed to you a week or so ago. I do not believe we have received an application for an affordable housing project in Berwick in a former school, (I was out last week and now I am at a funeral in New York). However, I would like to have a discussion on the process for this application. Chuck may have more info by Thursday.

We should also be hearing about our new applications for assessment funding from EPA by Thursday.

4. Board Members

In case folks had not heard, Board members Mike Huston (Wells Town Planner) and Paul Levesque (Sanford Economic Development) were recently let go from their respective positions. We wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Jim Gulnac will return (at least temporarily) to the Board from Sanford. However, we

really need additional representation from a number of areas as we never really replaced Dick Bicknell from Eliot nor Ken Burford from Kennebunkport. I would like to entertain some ideas on increasing Board membership, particularly as we go to our Annual Meeting and new (and likely difficult) fiscal year. I have enclosed the current listing of Board members and their communities.

In the past, this effort has been led by a Nominating Committee. It would be helpful if one were to be re-established.

5. Annual Meeting

It's that time of year. With the Boards concurrence, we will set Wednesday June 15th as our Annual Meeting date here in Sanford at the same venue as last year. I am thinking about having either an Attorney (possibly Helen Edmonds) or an MMA rep (Geoff Herman) provide a legislative update as the guest speaker. I am assuming there will be enough to report on.

6. Budget

I am enclosing the proposed budget for 2011/2012. As usual I have tried to be conservative in my estimates. Land Use work has fallen off, but (at least for now), Economic Development and Transportation work remains steady. We have also not filled the vacant position from when Jamie left. It is difficult to fully anticipate what will be happening on the revenue side, but most of our grant funding seems safe for the time being and would be glad to go through some of those resources at the meeting if requested.

I have proposed a 3% raise for employees, which I believe we can afford. As I have said over the past few years (even after a raise) is that when the MMA health insurance premium comes in around January, most staff are bringing home less than they were the prior year. Again, if the situation changes before June, I can amend this (if we lose a grant source for instance). Other than that our costs are pretty much flat.

We can wait until the May meeting if necessary for an official vote.

7. HUD Sustainable Communities Project

Gerry Mylroie from Kittery has been elected Chair of the Southern Maine Sustainable Communities Project we are undertaking with GPCOG and other organizations. Soon the project funding will be finalized and we can begin the actual work. We do need representation from SMRPC communities - along the Turnpike corridor up into Sanford. Gerry would like some time to speak to the Board about the project and outreach.

8. York County Advocacy Project

This effort of working with our legislators undertaken by Managers, SMRPC and elected officials is continuing in the legislative session. I will have an update for the Board at the meeting based on events of the last few weeks.

Other

EDD Situation