

AGENDA

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 28, 2011

Anderson Learning Center, 21 Bradeen St.

Springvale, Me.

(Meeting will be downstairs in Nasson Heritage Room)

9:00 AM

1. Minutes of May 26th and June 22nd Annual Meeting.

The minutes for the meetings are enclosed.

2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the end of the year is enclosed (including Brownfields information). The auditors have been here and will be getting a draft audit together shortly.

3. Brownfields

We have two applications to consider and act on at this meeting. One is for a loan and the other is for a grant to the town of Sanford.

These are summarized below:

1) Sullivan School, Berwick (information enclosed)

The purpose is to provide financing for the environmental remediation of Sullivan School located at 45 School Street, in Berwick. The remediation will consist of the abatement of asbestos-containing materials, abatement of lead-containing building materials; removal, consolidation, and disposal of universal and hazardous waste and mold contaminated debris located within the building; and removal of paint containing polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) and PCB Remediation Waste.

The work is projected to be completed in August and September of 2011.

Sullivan School Associates, LP intends to redevelop the school building and surrounding area into 34 units of affordable housing. The project consists of the renovation of the historic school and the addition of a new structure, all designed to be consistent with the guidelines set forth by the National Park Service for historic restoration. The project will not be age restricted and therefore will accommodate a mix of both older residents and small families. The building will contain laundry facilities, a community room, and have wireless internet access. The developers stated that a portion of the site contains enough open space to provide recreation and play areas as well as the required parking facilities.

The loan amount is \$50,000. The RLF Committee met on July 19th and unanimously voted approval for the loan. SMRPC staff also recommend approval of the loan at 3% interest, first year interest only with a ten year term to follow.

2) AeroFab Site in Sanford (info sent under separate cover)

Sanford is applying for a \$200,000 subgrant to remediate the AeroFab site – the site is next to and provides the parking for the Sanford mill project which was funded with EPA and SMRPC money two years ago. Someone from Sanford and their environmental consultant will be present to discuss the application. The remediation of this site is essentially the last obstacle to getting this project up and going. The town is required to provide a \$40,000 match for the project. The staff here recommend the approval of this subgrant.

The approval of these two applications would leave the SMRPC Loan/Grant program with a balance as follows (I am including the most recent 550k addition to the program which we have received approval for but not yet received):

We have a total of 1.525 million for grants and loans still available. 200k of that can be used for a petroleum loan.

1.325 million is available for the Hazardous grant/loan program of which we can use 700k for grants and 625k for loans.

With the approval of these two projects we will have 500k available for hazardous waste grants and 575k for hazardous waste loans as we move forward.

I have included the full summary with this package if you would like to see it.

4. The Move Program

As many of you know we have been funded by the Maine Turnpike Authority for over ten years to run a program called the MOVE Program. The project was set up as part of a required mitigation strategy by the Turnpike as part of the widening project. The program has been operated by Dave Carpenter in our office and funded at 100k per year.

The program involved going into schools and other educational venues and reaching k-12 students about alternative transportation, alternative energy, costs of transportation, etc.

The enclosed letter from Peter Mills signifies the end of the program. I think without the latest issues surrounding the Turnpike the program may have continued past it's ten year horizon. While we knew the end could come as it was envisioned for ten years, it ended rather abruptly.

Unfortunately it also means we need to end Dave's tenure with us as we really have no other funding to either continue the program or have Dave do other tasks here (he does have a degree in Planning).

We will meet with the turnpike in the next few weeks to discuss a few things.

5. York County Advocacy Project

I have enclosed the final summary of the York County Advocacy project. It appears there were some successes and I would also say that the continuation of our Technical Assistance contract for our smaller communities - delivered through the State Planning Office – also seems to be intact. That is an important accomplishment by itself.

6. EDD Designation/Mobilize Maine

As you know we finally received the EDD designation a few weeks ago (unfortunately we are still not able to go public with it as it is unclear if the Governors office and the Congressional delegation have been notified). With this designation comes the responsibility of developing a new Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) which will now include our southern Oxford County towns. I would like to briefly update the Board on what may be involved with this process and how it could play into the Mobilize Maine program that has started in other parts of the state.

7. HUD Project update

If time permits we can provide an update on the HUD project with the Muskie School and GPCOG.

Other