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NHPWA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, September 12, 2008

Location: Local Government Center Library, Concord, NH

Present: Dave Lent, Brian Sullivan, Al Bolduc, Peter Capano, Jennifer Perry, Rob Prud'homme (arrived at 9:30)

Vice President Lent called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Quorum was not met, therefore no votes held. Perry noted the Association bylaws state the Board of Directors totals 13; and requires a Contractor Representative. Lent will review the Board membership. The need for alternates was discussed.

Lent reviewed August meeting items and will prepare those minutes.

Lent reported final preparations are underway for the 3rd annual Ken Ward Memorial Plow Rally to be held at the Hopkinton Fairgrounds September 25. Volunteers are needed to assist with the program.

Lent reported Carl Quiram has sent e-mails regarding the joint NEAPWA & NHPWA Stormwater Workshop to be held at the Anheuser Busch Conference Facility in Merrimack on October 1. Info is available online at newengland.apwa.net. Registration deadline is September 24.

Lent reported that Kathy DesRoches lined up presentations for the LGC Annual Meeting prior to her leaving UNH T2. They include:

- Keeping the Water Flowing (NHPWA)
Wednesday, November 12 from 9:30am - 11:30am
- Highway Safety Improvement Plan (NHPWA)
Wednesday, November 12 from 3:30pm - 4:45pm
- FEMA and Mutual Aid (NHPWMAP)
Thursday, November 13 from 1:30pm - 2:45pm
- Damage Assessment and Public Works Disasters (NHPWMAP)
Thursday, November 13 from 3:30pm - 4:45pm

Lent reported that the representatives to meet with the Governor and Commissioners have been selected. Representation will include:

NEAPWA (2): Carl Quiram & Kevin Sheppard
NHRAA (2)
NHPWA (2): Ken Daniels & Jennifer Perry
NHSTC (2)
LGC (1)

Lent reported that Dave Danielson and others continue to promote the idea of a memorial for State and local public works employees killed in the line of duty.

Perry provided a brief financial report. The latest Financial Statement dated July 30, 2008, indicated \$9,717.38 balance. This does not reflect recent receipts for annual dues or the plow rally, or expenditures for the scholarships or color newsletter. Perry will request an updated statement prior to the next meeting. The latest Accounts/Receivable sheet dated September 10, 2008, indicated deposited Plow Rally sponsors include E.W. Sleeper, UNH T2, Primex, Donovan Equipment, Knoxland Equipment, McDevitt Trucks, Public Works Supply Co., John Grappone, Freightliner of NH, Mailhot Industries, and NH Road Agents Association.

The July issue was the first color printing of the NHPWA newsletter. Most said they thought it was attractive. It is more expensive to print than the black & white. Many organizations are shifting to electronic mailings with limited printing. Lent concerned there may be a need for a fundraiser for future plow rally contributions and if continue color newsletter.

Capano asked if anything had come from the meeting with Asst. Commissioner Sweeney regarding the registering of amber lights. Lent has checked on-line, but has not seen anything. No one else has heard anything.

Perry circulated the NHPWA services agreement with LGC that was signed this past month.

Lent asked if others present were aware of "Green Start," an NH non-profit trying to promote biodiesel use in NH. He circulated an article from government-fleet.com that referenced Portsmouth's recent switch to B20.

A general discussion ensued on detectable warning panels, their challenges and application.

Bolduc asked when the compliance deadline for 6" letters for street name signs was. No one was sure of the exact deadline (Perry subsequently researched past issues of *Road Business* and forwarded info to Bolduc; deadline is January 2012).

Next NHPWA Board Meeting is Friday, October 10th at 9:00 a.m. at LGC.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Perry, Secretary/Treasurer