

NHPWA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, February 13, 2009

Location: Local Government Center Library, Concord, NH

Present: Ken Daniels, Dave Lent, Brian Sullivan, Peter Capano, Carl Quiram, Don Proulx, Jennifer Perry, Rob Prud'homme, Brian Vincent, Bob Strobel, Linsey Shaw, Nancy Mayville

President Daniels called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. Bob Strobel introduced Linsey Shaw from UNH T2; she will be the T2 liaison. Strobel will prepare January minutes.

Treasurer Perry provided a brief financial report and distributed the January financial statement showing a balance of \$8,696.87. The Board confirmed we previously voted to contribute \$400 to NEAPWA in March.

The color version of the Newsletter is twice the cost of the old black & white, however the people like the color. B. Strobel suggested LGC could e-mail the newsletter to the membership, cutting the cost 70%. There will still be some municipalities & members who want to receive a hard copy. B. Strobel will put a notice in the next couple of issues that the newsletter is going electronic, and if people prefer to receive hard copy to let us know. P. Capano motioned to e-mail the newsletter to as many as possible; second by B. Strobel; all in favor.

There was a brief discussion on frequency of newsletter. B. Strobel suggested bimonthly. However, there is sometimes a challenge with adequate material and coverage. There is a preference to keep it quarterly for now. We could plan general content in advance.

The date for the Spring Annual Meeting needs to be set sometime in May; narrowed down to week of May 4th or 11th because the following week is Public Works Week and many communities will have events, and the week after is Memorial Day. D. Lent will coordinate with LGC for availability of rooms. After the meeting last year we decided not to do concurrent sessions, make them shorter (30 - 45 minutes with questions) and if possible 3 related topics. The topics that generated the most interest were Stream Crossing Rule (speaker Collis Adams or Carla); the new NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit (speaker Thelma); and NHDOT Commissioner Campbell as the lunch/keynote speaker. C. Quiram will contact the suggested speakers.

Nomination Committee needs to review our current roster and develop a slate of new candidates. D. Lent suggested the officers be the Nominating Committee.

K. Blomquist and K. DesRoches had done scholarship in the past. J.Perry will follow-up.

C. Quiram provided an APWA update. Meetings are on-line, none are scheduled for NH. C. Quiram was appointed to the National Center for Sustainability for an 18 month term. Their task is to position APWA to be a leader in the industry and will include succession planning, green building, etc.

Plow Rally is scheduled for Thursday, September 24th, with a rain date of October 1st. D. Lent motioned NHPWA support with \$1,500; K. Daniels second; all in favor.

Q. Quiram reported on the status of the Public Works memorial. Rep. Gus Lereudeau introduced HB 608. Dave Danielson, Bruce Berry and C. Quiram all attended the hearing. The only concern that was voiced was the makeup of the memorial committee; there was no representation of the frontline staff, the rank and file. It should pass to the full House for a vote. P. Capano reported that Manchester is erecting one for their 8 workers at the DPW on Valley Street. It will be an engraved granite monument. Several mentioned that there have been more Public Works employees killed on the job than Fire and Police combined.

N. Mayville reported on the economic stimulus that is working through NHDOT. The Department decided to deliver funding to projects through their existing funding programs, to projects that are already in the pipeline. DOT has identified designed projects that are ready to bid, that do not require a maintenance of effort (i.e., that would not supplant normal funding). It will expedite some projects that are already on program lists. 50% will be out to contract in 90 days, remainder by August 2010.

Next NHPWA Board Meeting is Friday, March 13th at 9:00 a.m. at LGC.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Perry, Secretary/Treasurer