



MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2008

Steve Bradstreet called meeting to order at 9:00am – MDOT Region 2 office in Augusta, ME

Present: Steve Bradstreet, Mike Claus, Bob Burns, David Cote, Mike Bobinsky, Mary Ann Conroy, Dennis Cox, Gerry James, Steve Walker, Eric Labelle, Bob Stevens (Maine Local Roads Center) and (IME) Craig Worth.

Absent: Steve Johnson, Peter Owen, Andy Russell, Adam Ogden, Stewart Sevey, Wes Thames and Shawn Bennett.

1. Minutes from the May 1, 2008 meeting approved, no suggested changes or corrections; motion to accept by Dennis Cox, 2nd Mike Claus, passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report: Bob Burns; checking balance \$22,676.73 and savings \$22,037.75 but after the pending deposits and payments Bob calculated the new balance of the checking account will go down to \$10,802.01; Dennis Cox motioned the report be accepted, 2nd Gerry James, the motion passed unanimously.
3. Delegate's Report: Mike Bobinsky; Mike will be attending the APWA's House of Delegates meeting this month where they will be having discussions on several topics including "Explore The World of Public Works" a program geared towards middle school age children; best management practices in membership recruitment and retention; a think tank discussion on the "America 2050 Report"; along with other traditional discussions.
4. Membership Report: No report this month.
5. Maine Local Roads Report: Bob Stevens; Nancy is working on completing the Roadway Fundamentals for Municipal Officers program; there is a workshop on sign posts and installation techniques scheduled for August 19; Local Roads is working with several communities on traffic safety products for high risk traffic areas on local roads which is part of a Federally funded program.
6. IME Report: Craig Worth; the Board may want to consider whether or not the IME accounts and branch need to be updated or possibly dissolved; Craig suggested it may be a good idea to get information out early for nominations of "Public works Leader of the Year" to allow the selection committee to be appoint without conflict; Steve Bradstreet solicited the Board for their thoughts on the continuation of the IME branch, Steve Walker suggested maybe we need to give them more support, Mike Bobinsky would like to keep the programming IME offers but would be in favor of dissolving IME if the programs could be done in-house, Craig Worth will talk with the other members of IME to get their feedback and report back to the Board next month.
7. Website Report: Steve Bradstreet; the Chapter's list server is still under the control of John Foster, Steve thought they would be going through MMA but could not remember what the Board had decided on, Steve will look back at previous meeting minutes to see what the Board had discussed in previous meetings.

8. Central Maine Public Works Regionalization: Steve Bradstreet; Somerset County and the communities within that County are discussing the prospect of consolidating Public Works throughout the County; Greg Dore is heavily involved in the discussions and says it is moving ahead steadily; it was also suggested that they are seeking the support of the MCAPWA on this effort; after a brief discussion the consensus of the Board was the needed to acquire much more information before we offer support to such a sensitive issue; Mike Bobinsky suggested we seek a speaker on the consolidation effort to include in the Fall Meeting program, Board agreed.
9. MMA Convention: Mike Starn from MMA; would like to get the agenda for the Chapter's fall meeting to include in the upcoming issue of the Maine Townsman and offered MMA assistance with any accommodations needed for the meeting.
10. Supervisory Training Update: Picked by Bob Stevens at the end of the meeting; Steve Johnson is working on setting the date to hold all three days of the training at the Augusta Civic Center and suggested we have a check list to confirm all classes and trainers.
11. Directors Position: There are one or two positions on the Board that we need to fill, Wes Thames and likely Peter Owen will not be coming back for another term, we currently have three applicants from the prior election and Steve Bradstreet would like to speak with Wes's replacement in Thompson to see if he would also be interested, Dennis Cox and Gerry James are also up for reelection; Gerry James offer up his seat on the Board should it be in the best interest of the Chapter otherwise both Dennis and Gerry were happy to continue to serve on the Board; Eric Labelle suggest the Board take into consideration diversification during the selection process for the open Board seats. Nominations for new Board members will be taken up at the next meeting.

Other Business:

Mary Ann Conroy does not feel like she can continue to serve on the Board and participate in Chapter events in the manner she would like to and is seeking the Board's recommendation on what the expectation should be for a member of the Board and should she continue to serve on the Board and as the alternate to Mike Bobinsky in the House of Delegates, Mike Bobinsky, as did other members Board, expressed that he would like Mary Ann to continue to serve on the Board but did suggest the Board consider having someone to serve as a second alternate for the House of Delegates.

Steve Bradstreet, the information for the annual golf tournament, scheduled for September 5th, has been sent out.

Looking to set the date for the Director's dinner for Friday September 24th in Portland, would the Board be willing to offer overnight accommodations for members traveling long distances?

Bob Stevens: Price of calendars has gone up a little; do we want to make any changes? The Board agreed to add the date of the Supervisory Training to the header.

Steve Walker: The New Hampshire snow plow rally with be held on September 25th should the Chapter offer to cover the entry fee for the 2nd and 3rd place finishers from our snow plow rodeo? Mike Claus motioned the Chapter contribute up to \$200 per team to cover the registration, Bob Burns seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote of approval by the Board.

Next meeting: September 4th, 9:00 am at MMA in Augusta

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Meeting adjourned at 10:45am

Respectfully Submitted, David Cote

