



MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2009

Steve Bradstreet called meeting to order at 9:10am – Augusta City Hall, Augusta, ME

Present: Steve Bradstreet, Steve Johnson, David Cote, Mike Bobinsky, Peter Owen, Dennis Cox, Robert Seelye, Eric Labelle, Megan Bates and Shawn Bennett; Jerry Douglas (Maine Local Roads Center) and Director Elect, Chip Swan.

Directors Absent: Mike Claus, Bob Burns, Gerry James, Steve Walker, Rob Pontau and Stewart Sevey. Mike Claus and Rob Pontau were attending a DEP hearing as representatives of the Chapter.

Meeting Minutes: Dennis made a motion to approve the October 8, 2009 meeting minutes as written, Peter Owen 2nd the motion, minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: No report this month.

Membership Report (taken out of order): Steve Johnson, Chapter membership is down by .51% and has 194 members as of September 30th; There were two dropped members; one delinquent who has been contacted and plans to renew and on prospective new member; and Steve noted APWA National is still offering ½ price for new members until the end of this year.

Delegates Report (taken out of order): Mike Bobinsky, Larry Koehle, PE. Director of Public Works for the Town of Caledon, Ontario was elected the new APWA National President; APWA National Board of Directors are reviewing the results of the 2009 Congress in Columbus Ohio and considering the evaluations received from members. Despite the slow economy attendance was robust and vendor participation was high. Overall attendance was close to 3,000 which is close to what the host Chapter and National officials had anticipated. All eyes are now turning to Boston as we prepare for the 2010 Congress; Future discussions need to be held at our Chapter level over levels of participation at the Boston Congress. Volunteers will be needed to assist the New England Chapter, with a range of tasks at the Conference, and we will want to consider options for Maine Chapter members to travel to and from Boston. We still have a remaining contribution to make toward our pledge to assist financially with the Boston Congress. I believe that contribution is \$3,000; APWA announces upcoming national conferences of interest including the North American Snow Conference, April 26-29, 2010, Des Moines, Iowa; Sustainability Conference, Minneapolis, Minn. June 8-10, 2010; and Click Listen and Learn, Sign Retroreflectivity. In closing Mike Bobinsky request an alternate Delegate be appointed to replace Mary Ann Conroy.

Maine Local Roads Report: Jerry Douglas, in the "Work Zone" workshops we have had 197 attendees and approximately 150 for the "All About Asphalt" workshops; "Snow and Ice Control" workshops will be coming up this winter and the "Roadway Fundamentals" workshop is still being updated.

Excellence in Public Works: No update.

DEP Hearing: Steve Bradstreet, the DEP hearing on culverts and stream crossings is being held today, the new rules may have a substantial impact, financial or otherwise, on local projects. The new rules will likely change pipe size requirements, pipe types required and the process in which it is installed. Mike Claus, Rob Pontau and Peter Coughlan are attending and will help write up something to submit DEP regarding the Chapter's stance on these changes. Steve Bradstreet will coordinated with Jeff Austin at MMA to see if something can be drafted and put out to communities to help them also respond to DEP's new rules; Steve will also get a letter together to send to DEP requesting more time for feedback and response.

New Members: Steve Bradstreet welcomed new members of the Board, Chip Swan and John Giroux and recapped the Chapter's election results from the October meeting.

Election Results: Steve Bradstreet, just to recap the State's November election results, the excise tax bill failed decisively, Tabor failed again and will likely not be back according to the representatives of that bill, which shows most people believe most of their elected officials a working hard to hold the line on taxes.

LD333: Steve Bradstreet, we have had several volunteers to be involved with the study; Steve has not heard and new information about the committee and will plan to contact Kate Dufour. Jerry Douglas, information on LD333 is on the MDOT website. Steve Johnson recommended we request to have someone from the Board serve on the work group as well.

Supervisory Training (who can attend): Steve Johnson, the dates we are setting for the training are April 20th thru the 22nd and May 11th thru the 13th, Steve will be working with MMA to set up the venue for the training; Steve Bradstreet asked if we should get the Civic Center reserved now, Steve Johnson will be contacting them soon. Discussion turned to who should be allowed to attend the training and who get first consideration, after much discussion it was determined that it would stay first come first serve and if we have a problem with over booking it will be revisited; also discussed was to option of moving the training more towards the Bangor area to make attending easier for those who may want to attend from northern regions, after some discussion it was suggested we shift the training location from the Augusta area to the Bangor every other year.

Public Spokesperson: Steve Johnson, APWA offers information and education for a spokesperson; Mike Bobinsky suggested the Chapter's Chairperson should take this role; there was also a suggestion that a public information subcommittee be form to perhaps include a member of MMA, someone from Maine Better Roads and Maine Local Roads to have continuity on critical issues.

Alternate Delegate: Steve Bradstreet, Eric Labelle has expressed interest in the position on the Board; Eric Labelle, I enjoyed my time in Quebec meeting with other Chapters and I have spoken with my Manager who supports this appointment if the Board chooses to do so. Steve Johnson made a motion to recommend Eric Labelle be appointed as Alternate Delegate, Dennis Cox 2nd the motion, the vote for the approval of the motion was unanimous. President Steve Bradstreet took the

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Board's recommendation and appointed Eric Labelle as the Maine Chapter's Alternate Delegate.

Public Works Leader of the Year: Steve Bradstreet, Craig Worth has updated everything in the past, therefore, Steve will contact Craig to help get this information updated.

Other Business:

David Cote, would like to get an early start on the Spring Meeting, I have some potential topics including the 2010 Congress in Boston, the salt on Maine roads study and the new DEP's culvert and water crossing rules but would like more suggestions.

Eric Labelle, suggest we should contact the Quebec Chapter to see if they will be traveling through to the 2010 Congress, we may be able to make it a joint effort.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd at the Augusta City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am

Respectfully Submitted by David Cote

