

**Board of Directors Meeting
10:00 am Thursday May 19, 2016
Newcastle Fire Station**

Unit of Government	County	First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent
Brunswick	Cumberland	Linda	Smith	X	
Brunswick	Cumberland	Jeff	Jordan		X
Brunswick	Cumberland	John	Eldridge		X
Cumberland County	Cumberland	Bill	Whitten		X
Harpwell	Cumberland	Kristi	Eiane	X	
Harpwell	Cumberland				
Camden	Knox	John	Arnold		X
Camden	Knox	Karen	Brace		X
Knox County	Knox	Roger	Moody	X	
Rockland	Knox	Jim	Chaousis		X
Thomaston	Knox	Bill	Hahn		X
Lincoln County	Lincoln	John	O'Connell		X
Wiscasset	Lincoln	Ben	Averill	X	
Arrowsic	Sagadahoc	Eloise	Vitelli		X
Bath	Sagadahoc	Bill	Giroux	X	
Bath	Sagadahoc	Scott	LaFlamme	X	
Bowdoin	Sagadahoc				
Bowdoinham	Sagadahoc	William	Post	X	
Georgetown	Sagadahoc				
Phippsburg	Sagadahoc	Mike	Young		X
Richmond	Sagadahoc	Victoria	Boundy	X	
Sagadahoc County	Sagadahoc	Pam	Hile	X	
Sagadahoc County	Sagadahoc	Charles E.	Crosby		X
Topsham	Sagadahoc	Rich	Roedner		X
West Bath	Sagadahoc	Adam	Garland		X
Woolwich	Sagadahoc	Janet	Billson		X
Belmont	Waldo	Carmine	Pecorelli		X
Lincolntonville	Waldo	David	Kinney		X
Northport	Waldo	Reeves	Gilmore	X	
Searsmont	Waldo	Bruce	Brierley		X

OFFICERS					
President		John	Shattuck	X	
Vice President		Audra	Caler Bell	X	
Treasurer		Bill	Chapman	X	
Secretary		Betty	Johnson	X	

Staff, General Assembly and Guest Attendance

Name	Organization/Affiliation	Present	Absent
Jeff Kobrock	MCEDD Executive Director	X	
Bill Najpauer	MCEDD Staff	X	
Max Johnstone	MCEDD Staff	X	
Chuck Piper	Sundog Solar	X	

1. **Welcome and Introductions** John Shattuck opened the meeting.

2. **Consideration of the March 17th Minutes**
 Betty Johnson moved to approve the minutes, Bill Giroux seconded and the motion passed.

3. **Solarize Midcoast Maine progress Report – Chuck Piper Sundog Solar**
 Chuck Piper presented a power-point presentation detailing the Solarize Midcoast Maine progress to date and also spoke about municipal solar projects.
 Sundog is currently searching for local investors interested in partnering with municipalities to develop municipal solar installations. Updates on their progress will be available in the coming months.
 Chuck Piper also explained the status of net-metering in light of the failure of the new solar law to override the governor’s veto. The new law would have restructured the current net-metering program. The future of the net-metering is now in the hands of the PUC which is expected to deal with this item some time later in 2016.

4. **Consideration of FY17 Budget**
 Jeff Kobrock explained the FY 17 budget and reported that it was approved by the Executive Committee and after consideration by the Board of Directors will be presented to the General Assembly in June for consideration. After discussion a motion was made by Betty Johnson to approve the budget. It was seconded by Scott LaFlamme and the motion passed.

5. Consideration of the 2016 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Bill Najpauer and Jeff Kobrock explained the 2016 CEDS process and the briefly described the projects selected by the CEDS Committee. This year in addition to rating projects by their regional importance, common themes among projects were identified to highlight the cumulative positive impact these activities would have upon the region. The Board discussed some clarifications to be added to the document and also the importance of working with communities throughout the year to advance progress on each of the projects.

Pam Hile motioned to approve the CEDS Report. The motion was seconded by Betty Johnson and the motion passed.

6. Consideration of Nomination Committee Report

Pam Hile explained that the Nomination Committee asked the current slate of officers to remain in place for an additional year and the current slate of officers agreed.

The Board discussed the nomination committee report and noted that the County appointments are the responsibility of each county and Bill Giroux requested that Scott LaFlamme replace him on the Executive Board.

Reeves Gilmore motioned to accept the Nomination Report. The motion was seconded by Roger Moody and the motion passed.

7. Discussion of the FY 17 Meeting Schedule

Jeff Kobrock explained past practices of Board meeting frequency. The Board discussed various options and agreed to 3-Board meetings in addition to the General Assembly meeting. It was also noted that the Board is required to meet prior to the General Assembly meeting to review and approve the budget. The other two meetings of the Board would be appropriately scheduled throughout the year. Gilmore Reeves motioned to approve the Board meeting schedule. The Motion was seconded by John Shattuck and the motion passed.

8. Consideration of Bylaw Amendments- Quorum

The Board discussed revising the quorum requirements, however, the issue was passed over without resolution.

9. Treasurer's Report

William Chapman presented the treasurer's report. Betty Johnson motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Roger Moody seconded and the motions was approved

10. Executive Director's Report

Jeff Kobrock introduced Max Johnstone our Summer Intern who resides in Harpswell and is a student at Carleton University. Max briefly spoke about his background and interests and stated that is enjoying his position. Jeff Kobrock indicated that part of Max's Intern experience would be to spend some time with other municipal officials and asked Board members if they are interested to have max spend some time in their community, to contact him.

Jeff Kobrock presented an overview of our revenues and what grants were anticipated for 2016 and provided an update of the revolving fund and the micro-loan program.

Bill Najpauer provided an overview of the following projects; solid waste, brownfields, contract services, and regional planning.

Jeff Kobrock spoke about searching for grants to assist municipalities to fund solar installations without success but we will continue to look for funding opportunities. Scott LaFlamme stated that he would also be willing to look for possible grants.

11. Other Business

Bill Whitten asked if CDBG funds could be used for solar projects. The Board briefly discussed the potential uses for the CDBG program

12. Adjourn

Bill Giroux motioned to adjourn. It was seconded by Victoria Boundy and the motion passed

Submitted By: Bill Najpauer