



**CAWPCA
Board of Directors
Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Thursday, March 20, 2014
The Mattabasset District – Conference Room
245 Main Street, Cromwell CT 06416**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Vincent Susco called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

Present: President Vincent Susco, Treasurer Andrew Lord, Secretary Sarah Voog, Directors Brian Armet, Robbie Marshall, Tom Sgroi

2. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held on February 20, 2014

Brian Armet made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Tom Sgroi.

Vote: Yes: Vincent Susco, Andrew Lord, Tom Sgroi, Robbie Marshall, Brian Armet

Abstain: Sarah Voog

Motion Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Financial Status

Andrew Lord reported the status of the fund balance as the same (\$4,436.64).

He said that he is working on our tax filing status of a non-profit organization. He said our EIN was not recognized by the State and he will need to do a lot more research to resolve the filing issues. He said one of the problems is matching the CAWPCA's address with the one on file with the State. He noted that the By-Laws indicate the organization as a 501 (c) (6) entity and that he will find out what that means.

b. Membership Mailing

Andrew Lord reported that a "Save the Date" for the May 9th Workshop was mailed out.

c. Membership Map

Andrew Lord reported that he email a .pdf of the membership map to Tom Sgroi so that he can create a Map board display for the Spring Workshop.

Tom Sgroi made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, 2nd by Robbie Marshall.

All in Favor. Motion Approved.

4. Code Advisory Committee (CAC) Update

Robbie Marshall handed out the February 27, 2014 Meeting agenda that she attended. She noted that Nonpoint Sources (NPS) Pollution Matters, Technical Standards for Subsurface Sewage Disposal was discussed among many other issues. She said the technical standards for the health code are changing for leaching systems in coastal areas from 18" to 24".

5. NEWEA/WEF Legislative Breakfast on March 5, 2014

Vincent Susco reported the March 5th Legislative Breakfast went well. He noted that the Mayor of Middletown, Daniel Drew, gave a good speech. Brian Armet commented that there were several other events occurring at the same time such as the President's appearance in CT and two chamber meetings so only a few Senators and Representatives for CT were able to attend. Two points were made with regard to scheduling the event in the future. One would be other conflicting events and the second was that the event needs to be held in the Legislative Office building and not off-site for the event to appear on the LOB's Calendar.

6. REEBA/Atlantic States/CAWPCA/T&B Renewable Energy Workshop

Vincent Susco reported the Workshop will be held on March 28, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Speakers include representatives from the DEEP, energy contractors and municipalities. Atlantic States will take the lead on coordinating the Workshop. He said since the CAWPCA is co-sponsoring the event our membership has been contacted to attend. Discussion was held on renewable energy with regard to the interests of the CAWPCA membership.

7. Spring Workshop & Annual Meeting Planning

The Spring Workshop and Annual Meeting will be held on May 9, 2014 at the Marriott Courtyard from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The following agenda was developed along with the proposed By-laws changes:

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.: Registration, Breakfast, Networking

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.: Annual Meeting

a. Election of Officers and Directors

The following are as recommended by the nominating committee, Vincent Susco and Brian Armet.

Elect Directors:

Nominations for Directors' Terms Ending in 2014:

David Ignatowicz, Marilyn Ozols, Denis Cuevas, Sarah Voog

Elect Officers:

President- Tom Sgroi Vice President- Brian Armet

Secretary- Vincent Susco Treasurer- Andrew Lord

b. Revision of By-laws

Add new section to Article II MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.1 (c) - Annual membership shall begin on July 1st and end on June 30th

Modify language contained in Article II MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.8 - change February, March or April to April, May or June

Delete language contained in Article III and VI

Article III, Section 3.1 – Only persons who are authorized or alternate representatives of Regular Members may be members of the Board of Directors.

Article III, Section 3.2 – (the initial Directors) & The initial Directors shall be elected by the Incorporator for such terms (not to exceed (3) years) and placed into such classes as to result in approximately one-third (1/3) of the Directors being members of each of the three (3) classes.

Article VI, Section 5.1 – other than the Treasurer

- 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.: Flashpoints
Kurt Mailman – The OS Decentralized WWM plan
Brain Armet - Son of nitrogen
Melissa Biggs – Legislative Update
Virgil Lloyd - WW Operator Certification Update
- 10: 15 – 10:30 a.m.: Annual NEWEA/WEF Awards
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.: Break
- 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.: Storm Surge Risk Modeling and Coastal Engineering Adaptations in a Changing Climate, Kirk Bosma
- 11:30 – 11:45 a.m.: DEEP Update, Dennis Greci
- 11:45 12:00 noon: Members Forum

Vincent Susco said the purpose of the By-laws revisions are to streamline the organization to function more efficiently.

Vincent Susco suggested that Melissa Biggs (Legislative Update) be a standing spring workshop agenda item, as the workshop is typically held while the legislature is in session.

8. New Business

a. Website Discussion

Discussion was held on website development. Tom Sgroi suggested a shared site with the existing CWPAA as the interests of the two organizations are similar. Sarah Voog offered to spearhead the research and development of a website.

b. Lobbyist Discussion

Discussion was held on the high cost of lobbying. Brian Armet said that it can cost as much or more than \$20,000. Tom Sgroi suggested sharing costs with the CWPAA. Andrew Lord said that may entail re-registering as a lobbying organization since he believes the CAWPCA is a non-profit organization. He suggested hiring a session intern to target the legislature during session. He said that it would be ideal to seek a person that was interested in pursuing that field and have them monitor the sessions for WPCA legislation.

It was noted that the next CAWPCA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2014.

9. Adjournment

Sarah Voog made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 PM, 2nd by Tom Sgroi All in Favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Sarah A. Voog
CAWPCA Secretary/Director