

AGENDA

SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 28th, 2024
SMPDC Conference Room, Saco Island, ZOOM
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM+/-

I may be unavailable for this meeting due to surgery a couple of days prior.

1. Minutes of the February 28th meeting.

The minutes for the meeting are enclosed.

Move to accept the minutes of February 28th.

2. Treasurer's Report

There are a few items for the Treasurer's report.

We have included:

- 1. The accounting "dashboard" for February 2024.*
- 2. The most recent Financial Statement from QuickBooks*
- 3. The most recent loan activity and info*

Move to accept the most recent financial reports.

3. EPA Brownfields Update

As mentioned in prior meetings we have the opportunity to craft a major program with our Brownfields program income now that we have successfully closed two prior grants. Raegan and I have discussed the parameters of the program and she will present this to you. An outline is enclosed.

4. Comp Planning Legislation (LD 1976)

As we have discussed major changes to Comp Planning legislation has been propose – in fact basically a new statute. I have enclosed the most recent version. At this time we have not taken a position on this – we are hoping to improve the version making its way through the legislature. Lee Jay will summarize.

5. Gorham Connector

As some of you may be aware the Turnpike is working on a new connector road from Gorham to Scarborough (or so). While the road itself does not directly impact any SMPDC communities the secondary impacts related to changes in land use patterns most definitely will – primarily in Buxton, Hollis and Limington. A Bus/Rapid Transit line has also been proposed.

We have been requested to possibly work with others in a formal request to Maine Turnpike to do additional planning work as part of this effort.

Our Transportation Director, Steph Carver will outline the issues for you all on Thursday. This is something the Board needs to weigh in on if and when this begins to move forward.

6. Marian Retirement

As you may know Marian will be retiring end of March – although it may extend a bit. I want to wish her the best of all things as I know you all do as well. She has been an integral part of our office for about 15 years. I, and we, will greatly miss her.