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Municipal Management Association of New Hampshire (MMANH)

Executive Board Worksession

Minutes

May 21, 2021

The MMANH Executive Board met on May 21, 2021, at 11:30 AM virtually via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In attendance were President Tom Aspell, Past President Laura Buono, 1st Vice-President Scott Dunn, 2nd Vice-President Walter Johnson, Treasurer Naomi Bolton, and Secretary Todd Selig. Absent was Member at Large Joe Devine.

Also in attendance during the meeting were: Beth Galperin, NHPDIP, Michael Tully, Matt Scruton, Dave Caron, Cheryl Lindner, Donna Nashawaty, Lisa Drabik, Trish Stafford, Lori Radke, John Shannon, Bob Belmore, Chris Parker, Kim Kleiner, Jeanne Beaudin, Beth Fox, Rick Sawyer, Alicia Jipson, Michael Branley, David Moore, Tammy St. Gelais (NH Municipal Bond Bank), Jamie Sullivan, Mark Decoteau, Steve Fournier, Jon Frederick, Patricia Vanches (ICMA), Margaret Byrnes (NHMA), and Becky Benvenuti (NHMA), and Dave Salois (Healthtrust).

Scott Dunn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 23, 2021, seconded by Naomi Bolton, and approved unanimously with Laura Buono abstaining.

Naomi Bolton provided a Treasurer's Report for April 2021. The ending balance as of April 30, 2021 was \$97,737.59. Following up from our last meeting, it was noted that a Profit & Loss (Income & Expense) Statement was included with the April 2021 monthly report. Walter Johnson moved to accept the report, seconded by Naomi Bolton, and approved unanimously.

President Tom Aspell noted that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, unfortunately there were no applicants this year for our MMANH Fellowship. Tom noted that Carlos Baia, the MMANH member who graciously coordinates the annual Fellowship, had suggested that we continue the Fellowship program into the future recognizing that this cycle was an aberration due to the pandemic. There was universal support for doing so. MMANH will plan to continue to fund going forward.



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Patricia Vanchesi, Tom Aspell, and Todd Selig provided updates concerning ICMA. Several planned regional meetings have unfortunately had to be cancelled or rescheduled due to the pandemic, the ICMA Annual Conference scheduled for Oct. 2 – 6, 2021 in Portland, OR is tentatively planned to be an in-person event (if possible) but a remote component is also being planned. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Scott Dunn provided a brief overview concerning the planned MMANH Annual Conference and some of the program ideas he is envisioning. The tentative dates for the MMANH Annual Conference, which will be in-person, will be September 23, 24, 2021, focusing on Portsmouth as a location. Steve Fournier offered to help organize golf.

The board provided an overview concerning the ongoing part-time MMANH Executive Director position search process. A group of individuals has been selected by the board for "in-person" virtual interviews via Zoom.

There were updates from Concord, Nashua, Durham, and Newmarket concerning the status of their respective local option mask ordinance requirements and planned next steps as the pandemic begins to wind down.

Tammy St. Gelais from the NH Bond Bank, Beth Galperin from the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool, and Dave Salois from Healthtrust gave some brief updates concerning their respective organizations.

At noontime the scheduled program began with Margaret Byrnes (NHMA Executive Director) and Becky Benvenuti (NHMA Government Finance Advisor) sharing information and answering questions concerning funds local governments in NH are expected to receive as part of the State & Local Fiscal Recovery Act (SLFRF) under the overarching umbrella of the American Rescue Plan (ARPA).

The next scheduled MMANH board meeting is June 18, 2021 at 11:30 AM via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at approx. 12:50 PM, moved by Scott Dunn, seconded by Walter Johnson, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Selig, Secretary