

# NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL MANAGERS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

**April 20, 2007**

**Participants:** John Scruton; Jessie Levine; Jill Collins

**Absent:** Sue Desruisseaux; Steve Fournier; Russ Dean; Julia Griffin

**2007 NHMMA Directory:** Christian Pearsalls discussed the timing of the 2007 directory and gave Jill Collins sample forms from last year. Forms will be sent out with annual conference brochure. Deadline for forms and updated pictures will be the annual conference. August 1st will be the deadline for new members. Picture taking will be available at the annual conference during registration on Wednesday and Thursday. Distribution of directory is targeted for the September NHMMA Meeting.

**Annual Conference:** Erin Batstone reviewed meal choices. Thursday & Friday breakfast will be a hot buffet. Lunch on Thursday & Friday will be a deli buffet. Wednesday dinner will be a buffet with a choice of prime rib; salmon; and roasted vegetarian ravioli. The members will be questioned at the general meeting for Thursday evening dinner. Some suggestions are Strawberry Banke Dunaway Restaurant; a dinner cruise with Portsmouth Steamship Co; and Muddy River Restaurant.

Members present reviewed the brochure. The following changes were recommended: Thursday Breakfast & Registration from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.; 2:00 Sightseeing cruise for the Isle of Shoals; John Scruton will look further into pre-registration for golf. Friday breakfast will be 8:00 to 9:00. Other suggestions: Use line for dinner numbers instead of box; insert Glacier program inside and things to do on back cover.

Other considerations:

- Jessie Levine will handle scholarships
- Fee for program & lunch on Thursday and Friday will be \$125.00
- Determine if Maine Municipal Managers will be invited;
- Communicate with Russ Dean regarding sponsorships.

**General Meeting:** John Scruton informed members about some of the June conference details. Information will be distributed shortly including hotel registration. John asked members if there were any suggestions for Thursday night's dinner. The Gaslight was suggested.

Maura Carroll addressed the members in regards to SB 88 and HB 653. Hearing date for SB88 is Wednesday, April 25 th and HB 653 is Friday, April 27 th. Support from members is encouraged.

John Scruton asked if the members would like to take a position on the retirement bill. Russ Marcoux mad a motion that the Municipal Managers support amendments to HB 653 and write a letter in regard to this support, second by Carol Riley. Mike Joyal questioned if a registered non-profit organization can take a position on a bill. This needs to be explored. Russ Marcoux withdrew his motion.

Barabara Reid, Government Finance Advisor, NHLGC and Stephen Grzelak, CPA, Grzelad & Company, PC presented "Retiree Benefits Under GASP 45 – The Second Shoe Drops.

Respectfully Submitted,

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