



Massachusetts Association of Public Purchasing Officials (MAPPO)

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 15, 2017
Old Colonial Café, Norwood
Hosted By: Cathy Carney, Town of Norwood

Officers Present:

Mary Delaney, President
Tom Watkins, Vice President
Sarah Stanton, Co-Treasurer
David Gelineau, Co-Treasurer
Whitney Haskell, Secretary

Business Meeting:

President Delaney welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 11:30AM.

New Members:

Shannon MacKenzie, Avon

Guests:

Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the January 2017 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Co-Treasurer David Gelineau presented the Treasurer's report for the month of January. The beginning balance was \$41,557.81. The ending balance was \$40,443.79.

Legislative Affairs Committee:

Dave Geanakakis told the group that there have been/will continue to be discussions with the Governor's Office to see what the legislative agenda will be. As a result of the member survey, MAPPO will be focusing on streamlining the prequalification process.

Website Committee:

Tom Watkins announced that we will be upgrading the website. The new site will among other things, have a responsive design for phone and tablet use, will streamline the meeting registration process.

Outreach Committee:

Sarah Stanton announced that the Spring initiative is to reach out to the procurement departments of state and community colleges, and invite them to become involved with MAPPO.

Speaker Committee:

Angela Allen reported the speaker at the March meeting will be Susan Goldfisher of DCAMM discussing changes to the public construction laws.

The April meeting will take place at MassBuys.

Old Business:

After collecting donations at the December meeting, we were able to donate over \$100 and 8 trash bags full of books and toys to Cradles for Crayons.

Speaker:

Jamie Hellen, the Deputy Town Administrator for the Town of Franklin spoke about the use of social media (Facebook, Twitter etc...) in municipal government.

Mr. Hellen discussed the general dos and don'ts of social media usage, and shared examples from his community.

- Social media can be an effective tool to keep constituents informed of important issues such as weather, traffic changes, and municipal achievements.
- Posts should be regular, but not constant.
- Photos are great, but be mindful of the content
- Follow other agencies.
- Don't engage with negative comments.

He also shared Franklin's 'Social Media Guidelines.' policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Whitney Haskell,
MAPPO Secretary