

**MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PURCHASING OFFICIALS
(MAPPO)**

MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2008 at Leo's Ristorante in Worcester, MA

Elaine Shola, MAPPO president, thanked Frank Whitty for hosting the meeting. Raymond Mariano, Executive Director of the Worcester Housing Authority and former Worcester Mayor, greeted the attendees, welcomed them to Worcester, and praised the important work done by them in public procurement.

Frank introduced and gave the background on the guest speaker, Alan Snow, Community Forester from Mass. DCR. He spoke on tree and landscaping materials procurement, including the cautions and methods to protect investment.

New member Alida Herring of Winchendon (first meeting), Mary Harris, Joyce Ostreowski, members from Millbury (first meeting), Ed Gibson brought new member Sandra Wrona from West Springfield, and it was also the first meeting for member Brian Bigelow of the Worcester Housing Authority.

Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes of Nov. 14, 2007 and Dec. 12, 2007 meetings. Approved by members.

Next meeting Feb. 13 in Norwood to be hosted by Cathy Carney. Speaker and topic is needed.

Jon Goldfield announced we will have a booth at the STAR Conference in May. Contact Katharine Sacca if interested, she will keep a list of people and times.

No info on the annual conference yet. To be set up by Re Cappoli.

Dan Doucette went to a meeting in Boston today regarding House Bill 38 and the first dollar exemption. Working with MMA's Matt Fair on continued procurement reform efforts.

David Geanakakis mentioned his meeting with Dave Rocco regarding a company that wants to set up a service to filter COMPASS for vendors and municipalities. If interested, contact David.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
David Geanakakis, MAPPO Secretary