

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

## **MEETING MINUTES**

October 18, 2006 at the Dolphin Restaurant in Natick, MA

Sheryl Levenson, MAPPO president, thanked Chris Bradley for hosting the meeting. Chris gave an overview of Natick and introduced Joan Craig who gave detailed information about Natick.

The following are new members: Pennington Geis of Hampshire Council of Governments, John L. Ghiloni City of Marlborough, Anita Scheipers Town of Lincoln, Jennifer L. Wolowicz Town of South Hadley.

The following guests were introduced: Maria Maggio and Ihor Raniuk Plant and Facilities Dept. of Andover, Joan Craig Town of Natick, Robert Palmer Town of Natick, Mary Ellen Dunn Natick Public Schools, Kevin Harrington Education Coop., April Delano Town of Bedford, Madonna McKenzie Town of Carlisle, who has since become a new member.

Sheryl introduced the guest speaker, David Doneski of Kopelman & Paige PC. His law firm is Town Counsel to approximately 100 communities. David presented information on Documenting Procurements for Statutory Compliance and Avoidance of Bid Protests. His presentation was summarized in a 6 page document that was passed out to attendees.

Question and answers included discussions on:

- sole sources and emergency purchases;

- certification by DCAM at \$80,000 is not precluded or prohibited, awarding authority has right to go beyond statutory requirements;

- proprietary specification and inferior products, how to document, present evidence of how superior, how better than other;

- exempt procurements are exempt from statutes, but must follow rules that are stated, including rules for rejection.

Sheryl thanked David for his excellent presentation.

Sheryl opened the business meeting.

OHSa 10 rules and those who are required to be certified. In November, a session in Acton for \$155

November meeting is in Westfield

John Story spoke about unpaid membership dues. He stated that a reminder and invoice may be sent to those members that have not paid. After December 1<sup>st</sup> unpaid members will be removed from the e-mail listing until such time that payment is received.

See OSD Updates on website. Big Buy is now the Save\$mart program. EPP vendor fair in Worcester on October 25<sup>th</sup>, with educational sessions

Discussion about Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel fuel required on all 2007 diesel vehicles

Request for information from members on electricity contracts

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Geanakakis, MAPPO Secretary