

MEETING MINUTES October 17, 2012-Fall Conference Beverly Golf and Tennis Club, 134 McKay Street, Beverly, MA

Hosted by David Gelineau and Connie Linscott

Officers Present David Geanakakis, President Mary Delaney, Vice President Sarah Stanton, Secretary David Gelineau, Co-Treasurer Thomas Watkins, Co-Treasurer

Welcome/Introduction

President David Geanakakis welcomed everyone to the fall conference, and thanked David Gelineau and Connie Linscott for hosting the meeting.

Morning Conference Session

Mayor William Scanlon of Beverly started the conference with a warm welcome, and discussion of the importance of purchasing officials.

David Gelineau then invited John Shortsleeve and Susan Shortsleeve of Bay State Consultants to discuss energy contracting in Massachusetts.

Following the presentation from Bay State Consultants, David Gelineau invited Jim Levy of the Chambers Advisory Group to discuss telephone auditing, and potential ways of saving money.

Business Meeting

David Geanakakis opened the business meeting. He recognized and welcomed new members and guests.

David announced that the next meeting will be November 14th, 2012 at the Wachusett Village Inn in Westminster, MA hosted by Karen Murphy. This meeting will be the second Wednesday of the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Agenda Items

David Gelineau and Thomas Watkins provided a treasurers report, updating the membership on the current account balance, and recent expenditures. As of October 17th, 2012, the balance was \$29,119.99.

David Geanakakis provided a status update on the Operational Services Division state-wide contracting "top five" procurement. OSD is looking for volunteers to participate in one-a-week meetings for two months in Boston to review the new procurement package, and comm-pass system.

Tom Watkins updated the membership on the launch of the new MAPPO website. Members were encouraged to sign-up for the new website.

Daniel Doucette provided a legislative update.

David Geanakakis updated the membership on a potential MAPPO/MASBO collaboration on Wednesday, May 15th, 2013 in Brewster, MA. MASBO has invited MAPPO to participate in their annual meeting. Further information will be sent to members in the coming weeks.

<u>Minutes</u> Minutes from the June 2012, and September 2012 MAPPO meetings were unanimously approved.

Afternoon Conference Session

David Gelineau introduced Senate Minority Leader, Bruce Tarr, to discuss updates at the State House. Senator Tarr spoke about the changes to prevailing wage regulation, and zero based budgeting.

David Gelineau introduced new Inspector General, Glenn Cuhna. Inspector General Cunha talked about his background in public life, his priorities as the new IG, and his goals for the MCPPO program.

David Gelineau introduced Special Counsel for the Office of Inspector General, Brian O'Donnell to discuss the complicated bid protest history of the new Beverly High School Brian spoke of the pros and cons of the prequalification process, and the obstacles that can be faced during public construction.

David Gelineau and Connie Linscott invited all MAPPO members to join on a tour of the new Beverly High School.

<u>Meeting Adjourned</u> David Gelineau closed the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah A. Stanton MAPPO Secretary