

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

## **MEETING MINUTES**

November 19, 2008 at Westminster Country Club in Westminster, MA

Elaine Shola, MAPPO president, welcomed everyone and thanked Mary Delaney and Karen Murphy for hosting the meeting and the tour of the brewery.

Katharine Sacca introduced the guest speaker, Matthew Connolly of the Attorney General's Office and he introduced Jeff Walker, also an attorney with the AG's Office. They discussed the Massachusetts False Claims Initiative. See handout for MGL Chapter 12, Section 5B.

Our second speaker, Kenneth T. Corbett, Manager of Safety Education and Compliance at the Department of Industrial Accidents Office of Safety provided members with information about the Safety Grant Program. This grant program has a total of \$1M health and safety education and training that cities and towns can apply for. Twelve cities and towns have already taken advantage of this, including DPWs, Park and Recreations Departments. This training covers slips, trips and falls, etc. For any department it covers the cost of books and training, not supplies and materials in most cases. Need to file a 5 page grant application with details and can do multiple years.

Elaine thanked all speakers.

New members attended: Lisa Higgins, Town of North Attleboro. The following guests attended: Andrea Phillips, Town of North Attleboro and Bob Hankinson, City Engineer of Gardner.

Accepted the minutes for the October 22, 2008 meeting with changes. Moved, seconded and voted.

Presented a plaque to Margaret Sullivan. Thanked her for 18 years of being part of MAPPO from 1990 to 2008. She thanked all.

Reminded everyone that the next meeting to be held in Lexington on December 17, 2008 at Max Stein's American Steak House hosted by James McLaughlin. There will be a \$15 Yankee Swap at the party.

Other business and members agenda items:

Tammy Tefft email regarding regulations requiring jobs that have road flaggers and police details, the need to include a construction zone safety plan in bids that impact traffic. She asked if there were any comments.

David Geanakakis asked for any fuel contract information from all, local contracts vs. state contracts.

Neil Cohen from the IG's office is on the Speaker Committee.

Dan Doucette is doing an agenda for the Website Committee.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, David Geanakakis, MAPPO Secretary