

MEETING MINUTES
Maine Library of Geographic Information Board Meeting
Date: Wednesday, 16 January 2013
Place: 51 Commerce Drive, Augusta – Room 317

10:00am

1. Introductions

Attending	Present	On the Phone
Bill Hanson		x
Ken Murchison		x
Vinton Valentine		x
Aimee Dubois Mountain		x
Greg Davis		
Dan Walters	x	
Joseph Young	x	
Michael Smith	x	
Christopher Kroot		
Dan Coker		
Brian Norris	x	
Jon Giles		
Steve Weed		x
Guests:		
none		

2. Approval of meeting minutes – Chair
 - a. Tabled

3. Membership Update
 - a. County Seat –County Manager, Betsy Fitzgerald from Washington County has been nominated – paperwork has been submitted to Governor's office for approval. Mike Smith will follow up with the CIO to check status.
 - b. Municipal – no update
 - c. Utilities –Alina Taus still planning on following through about getting her information in. Aimee Mountain spoke with Alina who is still interested and waiting for action on her nomination letter.

4. Strategic Plan Implementation Groups
 - a. Coordination and Communication – Mike Smith, Dan Walters
 - i. Eastern Trail Project and possible legislation – Steven Weed sent out some info prior to today's meeting. Need ideas to seek 20k in funding to start the project. Involves public trail mapping by schools for educational purposes. ArcGIS on line is probably the best platform. No action required by the GeoLibrary Board at this time.
 - b. GeoParcels – Jon Giles
 - i. Parcels Contract update –No new deliveries yet, but Spatial Alternatives is on schedule. See MEGIS data catalog.
 - c. Education & Training - Vinton Valentine
 - i. Laptop Program RFP went out and proposals were due Friday. A 4-year agreement. Could be tablet or laptop solutions and is a multi-state proposal. Maine, Vermont, Hawaii. The focus is for on line solutions.
 - ii. The MMA Tech Conference is coming up April 30th at the Augusta Civic Center
 - iii. The Angela Stokes scholarship and the GIS educators grant program applications are online the application deadline is March 31.
 - d. Geospatial Data – Dan Walters, Mike Smith
 - i. Ortho update - 2012 is complete and Woolpert invoices are paid per Joe Young. For 2013, 5 out of 6 counties are in with the exception of Waldo. That amounts to approximately 280k. Morning Sentinel and Kennebec Journal say that Vassalboro and Fayette are in. Belfast, Lewiston, Auburn, Camden, Rockland, Cushing, China, Winslow, Vassalboro, Phippsburg, Bath, and maybe Gardiner, Augusta, Manchester, Hallowell, Winthrop, Thomaston, Booth Bay and in. It is expected to clear 300k in 2013. Meanwhile 2014 publicity will start. Joe Young wants to release a press release to BDN and others to tout what's been done and what's ahead. It needs to come from the GeoLibrary. Dan will lead it and send a draft by Friday of this week to Mike Smith and Joe Young to review before Steve Weed sends it on to the papers. Joe will provide the contacts. Tomorrow GPCOG with Mike, Joe, Dan. Next Tuesday Mike Smith and Claire K will go to Trenton. Mike will present to Washington County Commissioners on Feb 14. There is a google calendar link to these events on the GeoLibrary website.
 - ii. LiDAR update – Meeting tomorrow regarding Cumberland and York GPCOG. Dan Walters stated that the New England LiDAR proposal was withdrawn due to lack of support from other states. Joe stated that there will be another round of applications this year. Joe has some FEMA money that can be extended into 2014 if

necessary, ~47k . Joe feels that there is other money to be found. Need to work hard to get VT, NH, NY involved. NH has a bill into legislation for statewide LiDAR 2-2.5 MM. Could be complementary. Probably May announcement. GeoLibrary plan is to get York and Cumberland next, need approx 200k, if USGS comes through with 25% we are close to halfway there. USGS priorities are finishing state work in at least 5k square mile chunks. Coalition of states fell apart and needs to be revisited. MEGIS will generate hill shading and contours. Relative to mean tide, starting at about 4 to 6 feet above. Coast was not flown at low tide for the LiDAR project.

- iii. LiDAR funding models – covered under previous item.
- iv. FGDC Cat 6 Grants – Christopher Kroot is pursuing, see email sent prior to meeting today. Metadata standards still need to be discussed. Need to vote on changing the platform. Cap program went over the fiscal cliff.

5. Committee Reports

- e. Financial Committee – Chair Steve Weed. No report.
- f. Annual Report – Chair Steve Weed. Updating last year's report. It was suggested that it may make sense to cut it down from 40 pages to about 10. Need to leverage the summary of successes and savings to communities of the program in the cover letter. Dan Walters thinks a presentation about that might be effective. Tom Saviello's committee may be up for that. Steven Weed will finish the report. Mike Smith to review. Steven to draft the transmittal letter regarding the report. Bill Hanson is willing to draft it if someone can get him the information.
- g. Policy and Marketing Committee – Vinton Valentine – no report.
- h. Technical Committee – Christopher Kroot
 - v. GeoPortal Update and Discussion – Future of the Portal –see Christopher's email sent prior to the meeting. Want to move to ArcGIS on line.

- 6. Elections – Steven Weed said that he is willing to chair. Joe Young nominated Steven Weed. Seconded by Dan Walters. Unanimous vote. Congrats to Steven! Mike Smith volunteered to take care of the 2012 minutes collation. Need a Secretary to take minutes in 2013. Brian Norris volunteered to take minutes.
- 7. Geospatial Symposium – Joe Young – Proposing a Geospatial Data Symposium to be focused on Foresters, Surveyors, Assessors to try and bring in more people to use LiDAR and imagery. See the email by Joe Young about this which was sent this morning. Joe has about 7k available. We can pay for speakers if necessary. Joe needs to confirm with FEMA what is allowable and what is not. Special Education event to highlight benefits without being a GIS person. Answer Qs like How do I find data? How do I access data? MEGUG should also be involved. Vinton: There were 2 sessions done in the summer on orthos & LiDAR, can we simplify those? Dan: what is target audience? Non- GIS people that use GIS data, but need guidance to answer questions such as... How do I use the data? I have LiDAR, now what do I do with it? ACTION : Brian Norris, Mike Smith, Dan Walters and Joe Young stayed after the meeting for a whiteboard session to refine goals and logistical needs to put on such a symposium. Joe Young will report back on progress via email and at next meeting.

8. Guest Comments

None

9. Recommendations for Next Agenda

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, 20 February 2013, 10am – 12:30pm, 51 Commerce Dr, Augusta...Room 317