

MEETING MINUTES –3/20/13
Maine Library of Geographic Information Board Meeting
Date: Wednesday, 20 March 2013
Place: 51 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Room 317

Commence: 10:00am

Attending	Present	On the Phone
Bill Hanson		
Ken Murchison		
Vinton Valentine		X
Aimee Dubois Mountain		X
Greg Davis		
Dan Walters		
Joseph Young	X	
Michael Smith	X	
Christopher Kroot	X	
Dan Coker		
Brian Norris	X	
Jon Giles	X	
Steve Weed		X
Guests:		
Angel Truman (taking minutes)	x	

1. Introductions – Vinton, Amy, Steven on phone
2. Approval of meeting minutes – Chair
 - a. Approved Sept minutes with minor changes. Approved as amended. Alina Taus should be added to meeting minutes
 - b. Approved October minutes: 8 in favor, no opposed no abstentions
 - c. Approved December minutes: 8 in favor, no opposed no Abstentions

- d. Approved February minutes: Vinton Valentine and Steve Weed abstained as they weren't at the meeting.
3. Membership Update
 - b. County Seat –
 - c. Municipal – started the process
 - c. Utilities –
 4. Executive Director Update - Mike has filled out an FJA which has gone to Greg McNeal for signature and then needs to be signed by the Commissioner and the Governor. A starting timeline of June is realistic. Upcoming GEO Library board meetings will be the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Summer months: Meet in June, skip July and August. December meeting will be on the 11th.
 5. Strategic Plan Implementation Groups
 - Coordination & Communication –
 - Symposium (Joe Young) – 61 registered including speakers. Network connection is good (hard-wired). 2013
 - Convention of Maine Counties (Steven Weed) This is in Sept. Need to decide if we would like to have a booth or include something in the packet. \$350 per booth.
 - Ortho imagery – Dan Walters and Mike Smith met with Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry staff to discuss funding: Not yet resolved (There is confusion about whether they as an agency had agreed to do 3,000 or 10,000 or \$50,000.) Will go to Director's meeting. Joe expects them to budget for next year. Sequestration may impact USGS funding of Orthos. (check with Dan?) At least 15,000 which is what it was last year needs to be checked on make sure we have it this year. Joe and Mike need to talk about billing the agencies.
 - GeoParcels – John Giles, Mike Smith
 - Parcel contract update – Delivery number 5 of 6 delivered. Preparing it today to put into data catalogs. Takes a couple days to QA/QC the data. May need a couple more towns to replace some of those that have chosen not to participate. If anyone has candidates that they want included give John the information and he will discuss with Judy.
 - Education & Training – Vinton Valentine
 - In beginning of Feb, Project>Login (<http://projectlogin.com/>) was launched as a result of an industry-led initiative to double the number of graduates from UMS computer science, computer engineering and information technology programs. The project partners are focused on these core areas but, through efforts of Harland Onsrud at UMaine Orono, GIS-related programs can be found within the link to program descriptions on the website. If Maine geospatial technology companies, particularly those that develop software and web services, register and post GIS internships through the Project Login site, the major players might accelerate the program's expansion to others and give the Maine geospatial industry more exposure. Working with Harlan on best contact approach, particularly to avoid multiple requests.
 - As part of Project>Login, there was a reception Mon evening, 18 Mar on the USM

Portland campus to bring together computer science and technology students with Maine information technology professionals and employers.

- Heard from Jeff Mao, Department of Education, that sourcing team is in middle of selection process for Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) computer program award. However, there are 5 conditional awards, each listing a separate device, from 3 vendors/bidders: Apple, Inc.; CTL of Portland, OR; Hewlett-Packard Company. See <http://www.maine.gov/mlti/rfp/> for details on RFP 201210412. The award is multi-state and don't know which awards would serve Maine.
- In the early stages of drafting a Memorandum of Understanding between Maine Department of Education and USM/UMaineSystem regarding execution and administration of an esri K-12 statewide license.
- Geospatial Data Symposium on Thurs, 21 Mar 2013 at Senator Inn in Augusta.
- Municipal Technology Conference 2013 on Tues, 30 April 2013 at Augusta Civic Center.
- Last chance for this year, application deadline for Angela Stokes Scholarship and GIS Educators Grant Program is 31 March 2013. Materials available from the MEGUG website. Mike Smith, as MEGUG Education Coordinator, mentioned there had been one inquiry from an educator. He registered surprise in so little interest given the marketing push this year. However, in past years, student applications came on the deadline.
- Esri is hosting a Northeast Education User Group Meeting on 2 May at their new "Boston" office in Middleton, MA. Details on program currently unavailable.
- Geospatial Data – Mike (Dan not here)
 - o Ortho update – Not much new since last month. Program is going forward in 2013. \$300k funding for 5 counties. MOA signed and the work order signed by Woolpert. Waiting for April snow melt and sun angle. (Christopher) May be able to get fairly high resolution imagery from Canada for Quebec and New Brunswick. We will probably request all of New Brunswick and the southern half of Quebec and maybe Nova Scotia. Currently 2 to 5 meters when crossing Canadian border.
 - o LD 877 – Falls along with LIDAR modeling. LD 877 is a bill that Senator Tom Saviello of Wilton submitted this year to create a Geo Spatial data acquisition fund in the GEO Library There is a fiscal note attached to that. Need 6 million dollars. Hopefully they approve then we can follow up on how to fund it and use to leverage grants and partnerships. Word needs to get out that the bill is out there. Every director and board member should be talking to their Legislator. 2012 collect in York and Cumberland County was nearly a half-million dollar project and state funding was \$90-95,000 and the whole project was \$460,000. The benefits to the town, economic development and the private sector are documented. And we have return on investment. The board is scheduled for a half-hour meeting with the Environmental and Natural Resources committee on March 28th at 1:00. Not sure yet if Public Hearings will follow or if they will occur.

One of the great things to come out of merging last year is we have officially classified LiDAR and imagery acquisition as capital expenses meaning that we don't have to pay an indirect overhead expense on any money that comes out.

- o LiDAR Update (Mike) – There is no Spring collect. We are still talking about looking for funding for a Fall collect of 2013. Woolpert is going to collect a small portion of Kennebec County. May have funds left over from Ortho project and buy that LiDAR data to add to our growing collection of LiDAR data. As far as processing of the current LiDAR data goes: Just completed tiling out digital elevation models and hill shades which we will upload into the Ortho viewer and they should be available next week. Also have 2 foot contours generated for the entire area where we have LiDAR. This will be available from the data catalog in a few weeks.
 - o LiDAR funding models: We are continuing to examine how to fund LiDAR
 - o FGDC Cat 6 Grants - CAT grants are still on hold. They may be cut this year.
- Q: Vinton: Are the footprints available on the Ortho Viewer? Ans-Mike: They will be*

5. Committee Reports

- Financial Committee – No report
- Annual Report – Has been filed. Annual report was sent 2 copies each to the Environmental and Natural Resources committee and to the State and Local Affairs Committee. One copy was sent to the CIO Jim Smith who praised it.
- Policy & Marketing Committee – Vinton Valentine – no report
- Technical Committee – Christopher Kroot – the Portal is same, waiting for USM to respond. They were contacted several times in January. They haven't gotten back to Christopher. The current agreement needs to be extended. Two issues: 1) update MOA. 2) get back to work on the actual application. We are in a holding pattern with this.
- About to start work again on the Geo Parcels viewer within the next month and hoping to finish this Spring. Geo Parcels has been on the back burner because there have been funded projects that take priority...now moving to the front burner. Once there is a beta version ready Christopher will send a link out to board members.
- National Association for Public Safety GIS is going to be having Northeast Summit in June Does the Board want to have a presence there? Conference is in CT. They provide free GIS training to Public Safety personnel of all kinds. Looking at getting a regional New England chapter. Right now the agenda is open.
- USGS stated this week that the Geoplatform.gov is going to have Meta data.

8. Guest Comments

None.

9. Recommendations for Next Agenda

- o Follow up on LD877
- o Placeholder for Geo Parcels in the Technical Committee

Meeting adjourned at 11:20

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wed, 17 April 2013, 10am – 12:30pm, 51 Commerce Dr, Augusta, Room 317