

MINUTES
Maine Library of Geographic Information Board Meeting
 Wednesday, 19 June 2013
 10:00 AM to 11:25 PM
 51 Commerce Drive (Room 414), Augusta

Attending	Present	on Phone
Bill Hanson		X
Ken Murchison		
Vinton Valentine		X
Aimee Dubois Mountain		X
Dan Walters	X	
Joseph Young	X	
Michael Smith	X	
Christopher Kroot	X	
Dan Coker		
Brian Norris	X	
Jon Giles	X	
Steve Weed		X
Alina Taus	X	
Betsy Fitzgerald	X	
Guests:		
Angeline Truman (notes)	X	

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of April 17 meeting minutes – accepted
3. Approval of May 15 minutes: spelling of *Alina Taus* corrected.
4. Membership Update
 - o County Seat –filled: Betsy Fitzgerald (Washington County)
 - o Utilities Seat – filled: Alina Taus
 - o Municipal Seat – Aimee Dubois-Mountain will not seek re-appointment. Her term expires 11/29/13. Steve is still waiting for a response from MMA for other suggestions and will followup.
 - o Environmental Seat - Dan Coker will not seek re-appointment. His term expires 9/7/13.
 - o University of Maine Seat – Vinton Valentine reappointed, not sworn in yet.
5. Executive Director Update – Mike Smith

Bureau of Human Resources still hasn't approved the reclassification of the position. Due to the State hiring freeze it will be advertised to the executive branch of internal state government only. Hoping to advertise within the next two weeks. Purpose of the Executive Director is to carry out the wishes of the Board, not drive the Board.
6. LD 877 Update – Joe Young

Signed by Governor. Will attempt to find some money for it in this session. The governor is going to approve the issuing of two bonds: one for infrastructure and one for natural resources. An account has been set up in state government for LD 877 funds. Will use this account to store LiDAR funding. The legislation states that money in the fund has to be matched 1:1. Goes into effect 90 days after approval, which should be about October 1st of this year.

7. Strategic Plan Implementation Groups

•Coordination & Communication – Mike Smith, Dan Walters

- MEGUG Summer School – a week from this Friday.
- MAPPS (Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors) - Summer Conference - July 22-26 @ Samoset Resort, Rockport. Governor LePage will provide the opening keynote address. Opportunity to educate the Governor's office about the Ortho program and Lidar program.
- MCCA (Maine County Commissioners Association) - Convention of Maine Counties – Sept 13-15 @ Sugarloaf Mountain
- MMA (Maine Municipal Association) - October 2-3 @ Augusta Civic Center
- MSLS (Maine Society of Land Surveyors) – Fall Meeting is October 4th.

•Geo-Parcels – Mike Smith

- Geo-Parcels contract update: Status same as last month. Contract has been extended until the end of October.
- There continues to be delays in getting data from some towns. The list is being modified a bit. Judy is looking into bringing in towns from the Midcoast area.

•Education & Training – Vinton Valentine – nothing to report

•Geospatial Data – Dan Walters, Mike Smith

- Ortho update – All of the 2013 areas were collected and the data is available in a preliminary form. Woolpert is preparing the 3-inch data to be ready in early July. We are on track and on budget.
- Need Hancock and Washington Counties to sign up by year end. Dan Walters asked if the committee should be reinstated. Mike Smith felt that there needed to be an alternative/faster solution rather than a committee. He suggested that Joe, Dan and he sort it out.
- LiDAR update – More interest in LiDAR than imagery. No LiDAR data was collected this past Spring. A LiDAR collect

may be coming up next Fall or Spring. NRCS has committed to \$105,000. They are primarily interested in Kennebec County first as opposed to York and Cumberland counties. DOT will provide funding but it's not clear what yet. Maine Geological Survey has offered \$15,000, FEMA - \$47,000 (already there but have to get an extension on the grant), MEMA funds are possible.

- o FGDC Cat 6 Grants - will remain on hold until Sept. 30.
- o MEGIS received Broadband set as prepared by Sewall.
- o MEGIS received 1997 aerial photos (6-inch B&W by Sewall) for Lewiston and Auburn. Mike will load those.
- o Mike also received a complete set of scanned border survey maps from a 1906 mapping survey which is the earliest topographic mapping of the region.

8. Committee Reports

- Financial Committee – Steven Weed – no report
- Policy & Marketing Committee – Vinton Valentine – no report
- Executive Director Committee – Mike and Bill will put develop duties and policy as discussed last month. Example: the person selected cannot serve on the Board.
- Technical Committee – Christopher Kroot – Geoportal meeting last month and last week with USM were both canceled. Christopher is attempting to schedule a meeting. Christopher summarized the Geoportal for new Board members. One of the primary goals of the portal is to be a repository for Metadata. Metadata provides qualifying information about spatial data. The contract has been extended for 2 years now. There is a holding pattern with USM and they are being encouraged to deliver. MEGIS is working on a Geo parcels viewer. Three quarters of the work is done. Streams habitat viewer will go into production next Monday. This has the largest collection of habitat data of anything other than maybe the data charter. This was designed to assist towns and others in maintaining culverts and restoring fish habitats and assisting salmon, trout and alewives in migrating upstream. Questions regarding this can be emailed to Christopher. Also, Christopher is investigating the open source

tool “GeoMoose,” to use as a parcel mapping tool. Chris will speak with Joe Young about modifying the viewer to include a flood-mapping tool.

9. Guest Comments

None – no guests

10. Recommendations for Next Agenda - send suggestions to Steven Weed

Meeting adjourned at 11:25

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING :

- **The next meeting is September 18th.**
- **There will be no July or August meetings.**
- **Note that we will be in Room 414 on the 3rd Wednesday of each Month for the rest of the calendar year.**
- **Call in number remains the same.**