

## Municipal Oversight Committee (MOC) Meeting Minutes - 9/17/2008

<b>Voting Members:</b>	<b>Member present</b>
<b>Bridgton</b>	Mitch Berkowitz
<b>Cape Elizabeth</b>	Mike McGovern
<b>Cumberland</b>	
<b>Falmouth</b>	Nathan Poore
<b>Freeport</b>	Donna Larson
<b>Gorham</b>	
<b>Gray</b>	
<b>Harpswell</b>	Terri Sawyer
<b>Harrison</b>	
<b>Long Island</b>	
<b>Naples</b>	
<b>New Gloucester</b>	David Lunt
<b>North Yarmouth</b>	Dick Brobst, Scott Tilton
<b>Pownal</b>	
<b>Raymond</b>	
<b>Scarborough</b>	Jay Chase
<b>Sebago</b>	Robert Nicholson
<b>South Portland</b>	Erik Carson
<b>Standish</b>	Caroline Beigel
<b>Windham</b>	Tony Plante
<b>Yarmouth</b>	
<b>County Commissioner:</b>	
<b>Ex-Officio Members:</b>	Roger Bondeson , PROP
<b>Staff:</b>	Aaron Shapiro, Elizabeth Trice, County; Caroline Paras, GPCOG
<b>Others:</b>	

### Materials:

#### Handouts:

- 1) 2007 Program Accomplishments
- 2) 2008 Program Changes - for review
- 3) 2009 Application Schedule
- 4) 2008 Program Applications - for review
- 5) 2008 Application Review Team - for review

- 1) Welcome and Introductions – Chairman Tony Plante
- 2) Review of Program Accomplishments – Aaron Shapiro

Review of handout outlining program activities and accomplishments. Most 2007 activities are completed. Excepting two activities only \$29,486 of the total \$583,344 of County grants has been expended. One project, South Windham Community Center water line has been cancelled with funds allocated to the 2008 Gray Downtown project. One project, Lakes Region Transit is currently on hold. While no immediate action is required on the expenditure the transit grant funds the MOC may wish to examine this in the future.

- 3) Projects in Progress – Aaron Shapiro & community representatives

Aaron provided updates and pictures of 2008 projects in process. Many are moving along rapidly:

Gorham Food Pantry: Well underway with the building now on site. Completion expected later October or early November.

Steep Falls Library: Delayed by Historic Preservation Review. Construction to begin late September with completion by the end of October.

Naples Community Center: Out to bid early November

Regional Handicap Access (Alpha One): Program just beginning but they have applicants in hand to use most or all of the funds.

Housing Rehabilitation: Regional - 4 projects underway, Windham (3),  
Bridgton (1); Freeport - 1 project underway

Gray Downtown: Plans complete, all 3 property owners engage; public improvements out to bid.

#### 4) Program Operations & Policy - General group discussion

The group informally endorsed the changes implemented for last year's program (see hand-out) and did not identify any new operational changes. There was significant discussion on the need for home weatherization given rising heating fuel costs. The discussion of establishing a weatherization program will be carried over to the next meeting.

#### 5) 2009 Application and Application Review Schedule

MOC endorsed application schedule as presented (12 yes, 0 no)

Group reviewed last years applications with little comment or inclination to alter questions or scoring. This issue can still be addressed at the next meeting.

#### 6) 2009 Application Review Team

A list of last year's review team was handed out. Erik Carson of South Portland will fill the set-aside community slot held last year by Micah Niemy of Bridgton. The new team can not be identified until applications are submitted to achieve the minimum level of conflicts of interest, some turn-over of participants and regional and community size balance.

#### 7) New Chair & Vice Chair?

Tony Plante indicated he is interested in stepping down as Chair of the MOC. Selection of the next Chair will occur at the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### 8) HOME Program Consortium beginning July 2009

Aaron reviewed issues concerning the new HOME Consortium. We'll be planning for the program throughout the year with funds available July 2009.

#### 9) Future Meetings

Next meeting set for Thursday, October 16, 2008, 3:00PM, Greater Portland Council of Governments