

# WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Communities Plan for Tomorrow

Judy East  
Executive Director

## MINUTES: Annual General Meeting Bluebird Ranch Restaurant, Machias

**Date:** Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 5:30-8:00PM

**Present:**

Judy East	WCCOG Executive Director	Betsy Fitzgerald	Washington County
Chris Loughlin	Town of Machias	Joan McMurray	Town of Columbia
Mary-Alice Look	Town of Whiting	Richard Fickett	Town of Cherryfield
Dale Crowley	Town of Addison	Dorothea Crowley	Town of Addison
Phil McDowell	Town of Princeton	John Spinney	Town of Perry
John Leighton	Town of Princeton	Linda Pagels-Wentworth	Town of Baileyville
Bruce Molleur	Town of East Machias	Jeremy Gabrielson	WCCOG Sr. Planner
Lori Cole	Town of Northfield	Lewis Pinkham,	Town of Milbridge
Wayne Jones	Town of Lubec/Trescott	Jamie McLoughlin	Town of Baileyville
Sandra Jones	Town of Lubec/Trescott	Tim Call	Town of Baileyville
David C Burns	Town of Whiting/State Representative	Bob Tyler	Indian Township

1. Everyone arrived and ordered from the menu and the meeting proceeded before food arrived. Dick called the meeting to order and introductions were made around the table.
2. Minutes from the August 31, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting were distributed after the last meeting. Dick asked if there were any corrections and it was moved, seconded, and unanimously

**APPROVED:** to accept the August 31, 2010, 2010 minutes as written.

3. FY 11 Proposed Work Plan and Budget: Judy noted that the proposed budget has changed with the announcement that day (Oct 14, 2010) that the consortium (NMDC, SCEC, SHCA, LWIB, ACAP, SPO, MDOT, Four Directions Development Corp, Washington and Aroostook counties) that submitted the \$1,000,000.00 HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Plan for Sustainable Development grant was successful and will be awarded \$800,000.00. This will affect the WCCOG budget in the range of \$30,000.00 per year for the next three years. Instead of being ~\$15,000.00 below budget projections we are therefore at least \$15,000 above budget projections and will probably need to sub-contract for project work. Sandi Duchesne, who worked out very well for us last year is available and looking for work. The HUD announcement press release was distributed. There were no additional questions or comments on the work plan and budget.
4. Bylaws Amendment: Judy distributed the amended Bylaws. The proposed amendments were distributed by e-mail in mid-September and, apart from e-mails in support of the proposed amendments, no comments were received. Judy described the various changes that were proposed as described in the e-mail when the proposed amendments were circulated:

In brief, I have removed several complexities (eg. voting for the entire Executive Committee, creation of a nominating committee to elect officers, creation of an audit committee that meets 4 times a year) and made other changes to reflect actual practise (eg. we have no Secretary, e-mail voting when necessary, the Treasurer signs checks and not the Executive Director).

I have also reduced some of the timelines for us to make nominations, changes and decisions. The new times make more sense to me given the limited time and attention that we all have available for these issues.

The biggest change is to allow the Executive leadership (President, VP and Treasurer) to come from any General Assembly member and not only from members who hold elected office. The reason for this is again practicality - you all serve as volunteers on the WCCOG and on many other Boards in your communities and *I sincerely appreciate the time that*

*you contribute in all of those roles* - so it is difficult at times to limit the WCCOG leadership to only those who are elected.

Ballots for the FY11 Proposed Workplan, Budget, Bylaw amendments and election of officers were then filled out and tallied. **All proposals passed unanimously and the slate of Officers on the Executive Committee changes as follows:**

President: Betsy Fitzgerald, Washington County

Vice President: Dale Crowley, Addison

Treasurer: Gail Wahl, Calais

5. Judy then proceeded to go over the following announcements and provided hand-outs where indicated with an \*:
  - a. The Lubec Comprehensive Plan Update was deemed consistent with the Growth Management Act on October 12, 2010
  - b. \* CDBG Workshop schedule includes one in Machias on October 18 from 10AM to noon at the DHHS offices, Conference Room 1
  - c. \* Washington County: One Community “Moving Forward” meeting on October 20 from 8:30-noon at the Lee Pellon Center in Machias
  - d. Sunrise County Economic Council Annual General Meeting “Energizing Washington County” with a presentation by Ocean Renewable Power Corporation on October 20 from 5-8PM in Milbridge
  - e. \* Annual Turkey-a-thon county-wide on October 22 needs volunteers, call Sara McConnel at WC:OC 255-3741
  - f. Health-o-ween Walk at St Croix Valley Healthy Communities in Calais from 8:30AM to 10-ish
  - g. Maine Transportation Conference at the Augusta Civic Center on December 2; Jeremy is attending
  - h. Ocean Energy Conference on December 14; focus on wind energy anticipated (likely at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast) will send more information when available
  - i. Brownfields presentation on results of Phase II site investigations at the Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on January 20
  
6. Judy proceeded to more Announcements to do with recycling and solid waste; as above provided hand-outs where indicated with an \*:
  - a. November 8-15 is Maine Recycles Week. An abundance of posters, pens, pencils, coasters, lapel pins, and even Frisbees were available for pick up and distribution to your towns
  - b. The statewide Solid Waste Advisory Council met Oct 6 to consider the possible phased-in ban on disposal of corrugated cardboard and yard&leaf waste. We will keep tabs on this initiative and work toward systems in the USDA Solid Waste Management grant work to ensure towns are ready for any ban that is enacted
  - c. Washington County Recycling Programs contact list was circulated for review, revision and additions
  - d. \* October 13/10 saw federal passage of the Safe and Secure Drug and Disposal Act

Break for Dinner

7. USDA Solid Waste Management Grant presentation and discussion

Judy distributed the work plan for the Solid Waste Management grant in a handout and described staff responsibilities: with some overlap Jeremy will do most of the work on the recycling and solid waste outreach and technical assistance and Judy will do most of the outreach, TA, planning and conducting of the household hazardous waste/ universal waste and pharmaceutical waste collections. The Discussion was then opened to the meeting to identify the issues, concerns, ideas, challenges that we face in the solid waste arena. A summary of the notes from the discussion will be posted to the web site. A Solid Waste Advisory Committee was created (to meet 2-3 times in the year) including Linda Pagels-Wentworth, Betsy Fitzgerald, Jamie McLoughlin, John Spinney, and Lewis Pinkham. Thanks for volunteering!

Respectfully submitted  
Judy East