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**BOARD MEETING SUMMARY: February 2, 2018**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** John Strobl, Ralph Maffei, Ed Garling, Faith Moore, Bob Scott, David Niemotko, Ben Astorino

**BOARD SUPPORT:** Martha Boulanger, Carrie Scali (*OC Planning*)

**GUESTS:** *Elaine McClung*

**MOTIONS:**

**To accept the January meeting minutes. Ralph Maffei motioned, John Strobl seconded and it passed with one who abstained.**

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The second board Meeting of 2018 opened with the passing of the January meeting minutes. Ralph Maffei motioned to accept the January meeting minutes, John Srobl seconded and it passed with one who abstained.

The meeting started with discussion about the Spring workshops. Ed Garling mentioned that he still has to contact people for the presentations on solar and lighting. He will do that this week. There was discussion about Faith contacting someone for the charging stations workshop, and has not been able to confirm a presenter. Elaine McClung suggested that contacting NYSERDA would probably be the best option. This was a great suggestion, that Faith volunteered to follow up on after the meeting.

Still on the topic of the workshops, the board began to discuss the composition of the full day course. It was determined that the best topics to be covered that day would be storm water, rain gardens and pavers. David Niemotko mentioned that he still needs to contact unilock to secure them for April 20<sup>th</sup>. It was mentioned that Laura Barca was previously discussed to present storm water and rain gardens. It was suggested that Cornell Cooperative Extension would be a good choice to ask for a presenter on rain gardens. Discussion lead to the morning consisting of Laura Barca on storm water, followed by rain gardens, and the afternoon would be David Niemotko and the presenters from Unilock. Faith volunteered to contact Debbie Lester of Cornell Cooperative to possibly discuss a presenter for rain gardens.

The meeting moved on to discuss this year's scholarship. The board was asked if they wanted to keep the amount the same, and everyone agreed to keep the scholarship at \$1000. The previous suggestion of presenting the scholarship earlier in the year, was discussed. It was suggested to move the dinner so the recipient and their family would be able to attend before going back to school. There was some concern that moving the entire dinner would interfere with summer vacations and possibly effect the attendance numbers. It was then suggested that the Association of Towns and Villages would be a good

event to present the award at. It was explained that they have a meeting once a month, and the federation could possibly request to speak for a few minutes about what they do, and then present the award. This may also be a good way to reach an audience beyond those that attend the Annual Dinner. In addition, the Annual Dinner can remain in the fall and the board can still present the award to the selected student before they leave for college. With discussion the board thought July would be a good month to present the award. Faith and David both volunteered to attend and present. Ben Astorino volunteered to contact Mike Sweeton to ask if they could be put on the agenda for their July meeting.

The meeting turned to Elaine McClung who joined the meeting tonight to speak about the New York Planning Federation. She shared with the board a little about what the board would receive if they were a member. She also shared the additional ways for the board and other municipal members to receive further training. She mentioned the Annual meeting is always good to attend, which is this April 22<sup>nd</sup>. She also mentioned the Association of Towns meeting in February is another way to get additional training. Elaine informed the board about different awards the board could nominate people for, such as community service award, comp plan award or a zoning achievement award. Elaine also wanted to mention that she has in the past received different training opportunity announcements through the federation. She was hoping to raise the issue to possibly start receiving them again.

The board briefly discussed the topics touched on by Elaine, but given the time decided to discuss it further at the next meeting. Ben Astorino then motioned to adjourn the meeting at about 6:40pm, David Niemotko seconded and it passed unanimously.