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**BOARD MEETING SUMMARY: March 11, 2019**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Bob Scott, Faith Moore, John Tracey, David Niemotko, Ben Astorino, John Strobl

**BOARD SUPPORT:** Carrie Scali (*OC Planning*)

**GUESTS:** *N/A*

**MOTIONS:**

**To accept the December meeting minutes. Ed Garling motioned, John Tracy seconded and it passed with only Ben Astorino abstaining.**

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The first board Meeting of 2019 opened with the passing of the December meeting minutes. Ed Garling motioned to accept the minutes, John Tracey seconded and it passed unanimously. Ben Astorino did abstain due to his absence from the December meeting.

A main portion of this meeting was spent on the spring workshops. Definite details regarding the three courses which begin on April 5<sup>th</sup> were discussed and locked in. The full day course will discuss the role of the planning board in municipal planning and development. Speakers will include Ed Garling, Stuart Turner, Leslie Dotson, Dave Church, and Andrew Fetherston. The first evening course will be on 4/30/19 and will be an environmental themed course. The final evening course takes place on 5/14/19 and will include a presentation on case law updates given by Rick Golden.

Following up from a discussion that took place in January, Carrie was asked to reach out to Oscar Vidals at Delancey's to begin planning the 2019 annual dinner. Carrie was tasked with finding out the pricing on holding the dinner on a Friday evening in September and a Monday evening in October. Board will discuss further at upcoming April meeting.

The meeting moved on to discuss this year's scholarship and internship. Wording was requested to be added to both the internship and scholarship to broaden the scope of curriculum the applicants should be enrolled in. It was reiterated that the scholarship award will be presented during the Association of Towns and Villages meeting in July. Faith, Bob and David will both be present to present the award and discuss the Federation in hopes of gaining new members. The board agreed unanimously to have Carrie make the updates and email the board for further approval prior to the applications being forwarded out.

Carrie mentioned to the Board that Neil Winter from Orange & Rockland would like to attend the May meeting with a few of his colleagues to further discuss a possibly Fall course. The board agreed to have

the team present on an educational session to communicate information to municipal boards as it relates to land use planning affecting O & R facilities and services.

Faith also took a moment to present an idea for a fall course on marijuana and hemp zoning. The subject is a hot topic at the moment and gaining momentum with the State pondering the possible legalization. The board agreed to revisit the idea at a future time.

David Niemotko then motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:15 PM, Ben Astorino seconded and it passed unanimously.

**Upcoming Events and Important Dates to Remember:**

Monday, April 1st:	OCMPF Meeting
Friday, April 5 <sup>th</sup> :	Full Day Course
Tuesday, April 30 <sup>th</sup> :	Evening Course
Monday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> :	OCMPF Meeting
Thursday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Evening Course
Thursday, May 30 <sup>th</sup> :	Chairs Meeting (Citizens Foundation)