

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 18, 2007

Cross Officer Building, Room 600

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Members present: Rep. Ted Koffman, Chair; Gail Chase, KVCOG; Peter Merrill, Maine State Housing Authority; Sue Inches, SPO; Rep. Chris Rector; Rep. James Schatz; Mike Johnson, Maine Historic Preservation; Ed Suslovic

Guest speakers: Richard Barringer, Quality of Place Commission

Guests: John DeVecchio, Patrick Wright, Jen Burns, Jeff Madore, Jeff Austin, John Weber

Rep. Koffman opened the meeting at approximately 12:40 pm and introduced Dick Barringer to speak about the Quality of Place Council. Professor Barringer described the Council's charge, as outlined in the Governor's Executive Order, and stated that he sees a link between the Council and CPAC. He suggested that the Council and CPAC touch base again once the Council has formed its recommendations, perhaps in the fall of 2007. Professor Barringer indicated that the Council would likely be working in 4-5 areas, including regional planning, and will also be wrestling with the issue of bringing people together to address Maine's challenges.

Representative Koffman provided an overview of the historic tax credit bill, and said that a key issue is identifying a funding source. He is requesting an amendment to allow funding from private sources as part of an effort to find solutions to that issue.

Sue Inches discussed the building codes bill which was adopted and asks for building code implementation recommendations back to the Legislature. The State Planning Office is putting together a work plan to accomplish this task.

Representative Koffman concluded the meeting by saying that the Quality of Place Council might help inform CPAC's agenda for the upcoming year. Additionally, email agenda ideas will be shared through email with an eye toward the next CPAC meeting being in mid-September.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 pm.