

November 17, 2023

## APA RI Executive Board Meeting

In attendance: Herb Durfee, Stacy Wasserman, Rachel Selsky, Ashley Sweet, Krista Moravec, Roberta Groch, Glenn Modica, Jane Weidman, Annette Bourne

Meeting called to order 3:37PM

Will put approval of the September Board meeting minutes on the December meeting agenda.

Next meeting is December 15th.

SNEAPA 2025 will be in Providence. Roberta Groch and Mike Deluca trying to connect with the Convention Center to determine pricing and reserve. Discussion that there may be a location in Newport that is large enough to host SNEAPA. Roberta will look into this.

CNU is having their national conference in Providence in 2025. How do we connect this to SNEAPA? Is there a way to synergize or take advantage of it in combination with SNEAPA? We should connect with the other SNEAPA chapters on their thoughts. Maybe there is a way to pare SNEAPA down to one day in conjunction with the CNU conference.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Budgeted \$12,000 in income from SNEAPA, but only anticipate receiving around \$4,000 in revenue.
- However, already at income projected for the year due to increase in membership, removal of Brave River, revenue from the Summer Social, and spending less on travel than is budgeted.

### Programming:

- Parking Day - City never charged us for the meters, which was the majority of the grant we received - \$600 leftover. Grant requires funds to be spent by September 20, 2023. Would be allowable for funds to go to Horsley Witten for staff time.
- Awards - Webpage needs to be updated. Forms are pretty much ready. Applications will be due December 15. Rather than a singular current topic, there will be three options. Awards party will be in April - considering Moniker Brewery again as there was good turnout the last time at this location, as well as a lot of positive feedback.

### Equity

- Looking to continue discussing principles
- Housing as an Asset lunch and learn with Dwayne Keys

### Membership

- A few additional towns have added planning board members as members

- Very few planning directors are members in Roberta's assessment. Rachel Selsky to confirm this and then the chapter could do targeted outreach.

#### Legislation

- Legislative meeting on Tuesday November 21
- Another round table hosted by Statewide Planning in two weeks
- Many towns are working on zoning and subdivision regulation updates in response to updated legislation in the 2023 General Assembly session.
- Many ordinances may not be in compliance by Jan 1
- ADUs did not pass in 2023. Will be spending a good amount of time on that. Jane has worked on a position paper
- Anticipate seeing more statewide mandates coming down and less local control

Masters Degree discussion on whether a Masters degree in planning is needed in RI. Do the schools in the regional area provide value or are many of those students going to positions beyond Town Planners (ie. MIT, Harvard)? RI is in great need of planners. Do the certificates at URI and RWU provide enough planning background? Roberta in conversation with Professors from URI and will talk with them further on this topic.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38PM.