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MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

GENERAL BUSINESS

The meeting was held at the Wethersfield Community Center. **President** John Wagenblatt called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Those present included: **Immediate Past President** Andy Tupper; **First Vice President** Kevin DaRos; **Second Vice President** Dave Palmberg; **Directors – Fairfield County** Jason Spath; **Hartford County** Jon Kula & Reese Roberts; **Litchfield County** Gary Giordano & Bill Hall; **Middlesex County** Angus McDonald, Jr. & Steve Mazeau; **New Haven County** Larry Fisher & Wayne Zirolli; **New London County** Susan Camp; **Tolland County** Larry Geissler; **Windham County** Alan Woodis, and **Midstate Association of Private Practicing Surveyors** Ken Pudeler; **South Central Proprietors Council** Bob Jackson, and **Past President** Rick Martel.

MOTION - made by Andy Tupper, seconded by Larry Geissler, to approve the July 2009 Minutes.

PASSED

MOTION - made by Gary Giordano, seconded by Bill Hall, to approve the July & August 2009 Financial Reports.

PASSED

MOTION - made by Dave Palmberg, seconded by Larry Geissler, to approve the 2010 Annual Budget.

PASSED

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

MOTION - made by Dave Palmberg, seconded by Andy Tupper, to approve the following application for membership:

Matthew P. Sullivan, Middletown, RI Affiliate Member Endorsed by Samuel White

PASSED

MOTION - made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Larry Geissler, to approve the following application for a change in membership status:

Charles Spath, Sr. Firm Member to Life Member

PASSED

MOTION - made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Bill Hall, to approve three reinstatements of membership, for 2009, without any lapse in membership.

PASSED

CODE REVISION COMMITTEE UPDATE

President Wagenblatt reported that the Code Revision Committee completed a draft of revisions to the “white pages” of the code on September 15, 2009. Members of the Board of Directors had an opportunity to review the draft and submit comments to the committee prior to the meeting.

MOTION - made by Dave Palmberg, seconded by Bob Jackson, to accept the revisions as proposed by the committee with necessary formatting corrections.

PASSED
16- yes
1-opposed

2010 STATE BUDGET UPDATE

CALS legislative chairman Bob Dahn submitted the following report regarding the 2010 state budget:

The State Legislature has approved a new state budget. Reportedly the Governor will allow this budget to become law without signing or vetoing. In recent weeks a great deal of concern was raised in the surveying community, by a proposal generated by the Governor’s Office that would have eliminated over seventy State Boards, in various Departments and Agencies, including the Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (PELS). The good news is that nothing in this budget as currently configured calls for the elimination of PELS or any of the other numerous boards listed for elimination in the previous proposal.

In the budget as written specific amounts of money are allocated to the various State Departments and Agencies. The budget for the Department of Consumer Protection, among many other departments and agencies was cut. How that money is used by the department is not specified. This will be accomplished through “implementers”. It is my understanding this process is much more deliberative providing a greater opportunity for reasoned input and debate.

Updike, Kelley and Spellacy (UKS) continues to monitor this process as well as many other issues on our behalf. As they have throughout the entire session UKS will be providing CALS with update information, with as much advance warning as circumstance allows. CALS is prepared to respond quickly, hopefully with the active support/help of the CALS membership, if we receive the slightest indication eliminating the PELS will be considered in the “implementer process.

In the meantime if any of you have the opportunity to speak with any of your legislators, please take full advantage of that opportunity to emphasize how misguided this plan to eliminate PELS was/is. Please let CALS know who and when you have spoken with a legislator so we can let UKS know who we have spoken with. If any of you wish to discuss this or any other legislative issue further please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Dahn

TOWN CLERKS ASSOCIATION

Angus McDonald, Jr. will be the new liaison to the Town Clerks Association. He will represent CALS at all meetings. Mr. McDonald is replacing Bob Dahn who has held this position for many years.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Tolland County Director Larry Geissler reported that there is a recurrent issue of concern regarding submittal of electronic data to towns as part of a regulatory requirement. Under the current "Freedom of Information Act" this data will be made available to anyone who requests the information.

An example he cited was if a private party pays for a survey for a subdivision, that is approved by and filed with the town, but does not go forward with the project, another contractor can obtain the survey information, without cost, and use it for another development.

The use of the Freedom of Information Act, in this manner, is unfair to the surveyor/engineer who did the work and the client who paid for the work.

It has been suggested that a line be inserted into the Freedom of Information Act listing items that are "excluded" from the Freedom of Information Act.

President Wagenblatt will ask Bob Dahn to discuss this issue with Kevin Reynolds at Updike, Kelly & Spellacy and consider addressing this matter as part of the 2010 legislative agenda.

OFFICE OF LONG ISLAND SOUND NEW REGULATIONS

Middlesex County Director Angus McDonald, Jr. reported that anyone who does work on the shoreline should be aware of proposed new regulations from the Office of Long Island Sound (OLISP). Due to an increase in residential dock applications, OLISP has proposed new regulations that will have a major impact on the rights of waterfront property owners.

Despite CALS efforts to determine HTL elevations, DEP continues to advocate non-defined or arbitrary methodology.

The draft proposal also states OLISP is to regulate structures that may obstruct landward migration of wetlands or shore front based on projected sea level rise. Again, expanding OLISP jurisdiction without definition.

CALS has composed and submitted a letter to the Land Surveyor members of the Board of Examiners on this topic. We look forward to receiving a response.

A copy of this proposal can be obtained from the CALS office.

PETITION FOR PREVAILING WAGES

President Wagenblatt reported that CALS has received notice that a member who filed a petition for prevailing wages has been denied.

SURVEY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

New Haven Director Larry Fisher reported that the Department of Motor Vehicles has recently adopted the following new survey requirements:

Survey Requirements for Connecticut Motor Vehicle Dealer or Repair Licenses

Site Plan

The site plan for the proposed location must be drawn to scale, with a minimum scale of 1"=40' required. The site plan must be: A) prepared in accordance with the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Section 20-300b – 1 thru 20; B) "Type of Survey" will at a minimum conform to a "General Location Survey" with a Horizontal Accuracy of "Class B"; C) The site plan must depict or note the following:

1. Name and address for proposed licensed area location.
2. Name and address of the Licensed Land Surveyor by whom the plan was prepared.
3. Date of preparation of the plan and any subsequent revision dates.
4. Dimensioned perimeter of the property or the leased portion of the property or building thereon outlined or shaded to depict the limits of the proposed licensed area. Were only a portion of the property or buildings are to be licensed, the limits of the proposed licensed area must be depicted with dimensions to the perimeter of the property so as to depict exact location within the property.
5. Points of access to public or private highways at the street/highway lines and at the edge of the travelled portions of the roadways, also including any rights of way into or through the proposed licensed area with dimensions.
6. All buildings in the proposed licensed area with dimensions.
7. For the building(s) in the proposed licensed area the plan shall depict: all doors, service areas, parts storage areas, offices, and display areas for new and/or used car dealers, if applicable.
8. Waste oil retention facilities with capacity.
9. Fuel pumps and number of hoses if applicable.
10. Vehicle Service Floor Drains, Oil Separator Tanks and/or Holding Tanks as well as depicting or noting if any discharge is made there from to sanitary sewers.
11. Storm drains on site.
12. Spray Booths along with stacks or exhaust points there from with the minimum distance from the stacks or exhaust points to the nearest property lines.
13. Signature block stating "This site plan is an accurate representation of the proposed license area" signed and dated by the applicant.
14. Signature block stating "This site plan has been reviewed and generally represents the approved location" with the date, name, titled and signature of the local official authorized to approve this use of the site. The ZBA Chairman and if no ZBA the Selectman for dealer or repair license applications. The Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman for a junk yard license application.

2009 ANNUAL MEETING

First Vice President Kevin DaRos reported that invitations for the 42nd Annual Meeting will be mailed the first week in October.

He is asking that anyone who is donating an item for the auction or raffle, contact the CALS office in advance so that we can be organized the day of the convention. We would also like to know if your donation is meant to be used as an auction or raffle item.

In addition to our regular clothing, this year, CALS will be offering a line of Carhart clothing with the CALS logo. Secretary, Jason Racette, will be at the Publications booth with a laptop computer so that visitors can see items that are available and place an order. We will also have new CALS baseball hats available for purchase at a very reasonable price.

We have been advised that CALS Sustaining Member Bearingstar Insurance has kicked off an exciting new program in which Bearingstar pledges that for each auto, home, condo or renters quote, Bearingstar will donate \$25.00 to the CALS Scholarship Foundation. There is no obligation to purchase a policy. For more information call Evan Cooper at 860-284-5846 or email evan.cooper@bearingstar.com or visit her at the Bearingstar booth at the annual meeting.

At this time CALS is looking volunteers to help out at the meeting. If you would like to participate and donate part of your day to this important event, please call Kathy at the CALS office and see how you can contribute.

VERMONT ANNUAL MEETING

President Wagenblatt attended the Vermont Society of Land Surveyors Annual Meeting September 17 & 18, in

Rutland, Vermont. The conference was well attended. CALS was represented by seven members from Connecticut who enjoyed the meeting. The society hosted a round table discussion on the practices of surveying in Vermont. The annual banquet was held on Thursday evening.

NESS CONFERENCE

President Wagenblatt reported that although CALS will not participate, plans are coming along nicely for the NESS conference to be held December 10, 11 & 12. CALS Legislative Chairman Bob Dahn will chair a round table discussion with the NESS Board of Directors.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Second Vice President Dave Palmberg reported that he will be attending three job fairs on October 25th to speak with high school students about the surveying profession. The schools include RHAM High School, Bolton, High School, and Bacon Academy. Joining Dave will be Andy Tupper, Dave Fortin and Alan Fenrow.

There will be another job fair at E. O Smith High School on November 13th. Anyone who is willing to spend a few hours is more than welcome to attend. CALS provides a complete table display and handout pamphlets. Please call the CALS office if you are interested.

2. President Wagenblatt has accepted the resignation of two directors who have been strong supporters of the organization and whose input on a regular basis will be missed. Ken Pudeler will be resigning from the director's position representing the Midstate Association of Private Practicing Surveyors, effective January 1, 2010, and Charles Spath, Sr. will be resigning from his position as Fairfield County director, effective immediately.
3. The Department of Consumer Protection has notified CALS that the following individuals passed the Land Surveyors exam given in April:

Michael W. Bouffard, Kittery, ME
Stephen P. Dyer, Plymouth, MA
Jason Edwards, Southbury, CT
David J. Fox, Hamden, CT
Gregory Kogan, Norwalk, CT

James E. Peterson, Franklin, MA
Brian Shea, Norwich, CT
James R. Stewart, Monroe, CT
Mark Taylor, Meriden, CT
Jaroslava Vonder, Basking Ridge, NJ

MOTION - made by Andy Tupper, seconded by Jon Kula, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

PASSED

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Kurland

Next Meeting – October 29, 2009

Dear Members,

It has been almost a year since we have gone digital with our newsletter. We are pleased with the number of members who are receiving their information in a digital format. One of the keys to our success is making sure we have your correct e-mail address.

If you know of someone who is not getting their newsletter or any other notices from CALS please share this message with that person or ask him to send his contact information to the CALS office. The information should be sent to kathy@ctsurveyor.com or call 860-563-1990.

Thank you,
Jason G. Racette,
Secretary