

WMRLS Executive Board Meeting

December 9, 2013

The meeting of the WMRLS Executive Board was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Patrick Marshall, President.

Present: MLS Executive Board Members: William Adamczyk (by phone), Charlotte Canelli, Cathy Collins, Tim Gerolami, Betty Johnson, Ellen Keane (by phone), Deborah Kelsey, Dee Magnoni, Margot Malachowski, Patrick Marshall, Bert Saul, John Walsh

Incoming Board Members: Millie Gonzalez, Amy Lewontin, Jacqueline Rafferty, Henry Toromoreno (all by phone)

Ex-officio: Greg Pronevitz, MLS Ex. Director; Dianne Carty, MBLC; Anna Fahey-Flynn, LFC

Guests: Catherine Utt; Carolyn Noah; Deb Hoadley; Steve Spohn

Minutes from October 7, 2013 meeting approved. Motion-Tim Second-Deborah. Approved with 2 abstaining.

Whately Facility Discussion/Update

We have executed a purchase and sale agreement for the Whately facility. Closing has been pushed back to late January due to inspection needs. USDA is reviewing documentation to consider the short sale. The four-month short-term lease is included. We invited the Western Mass. staff to visit the machine shop operated by the buyers. After the visit staff members expressed a preference to find a new location. The chief reasons would be that staff would be cramped sharing the existing space with the new owners and there is resistance to working and hosting members in an environment with chemicals, oils, and machine shop odors. Catherine and I have been working with our realtor and begun to seek an alternate location in the area; one visit made to another Whately location. We are not closing the door on a longer-term lease until we find a suitable location.

Limited Power of Attorney

Discussion of granting POA to Catherine and Greg so they could sign documents relating to the sale of the Whately building if the Board President is unable to sign. Should other officers be signers before Executive Director or Business Manager? It was felt that the Board Officers are responsible for this duty.

Motion to add the Clerk as a signatory if the President is unable to sign documents pertaining to the sale of the Whately building. Motion-Dee; Second-Margot. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m. Motion-Bert; Second-Dee.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Johnson