May 21, 2021 APA RI Board Meeting

- April meeting minutes approved - Roberta motioned, Jim seconded, all in favor. No discussion. Motion passed.
- Next meeting - June 18
- 2022 Executive Board elections -- Glenn Modica running for Treasurer; Stacy Wasserman for Secretary and Roberta Groch for president-elect. All races uncontested.
- MA and CT has asked RI to be fiduciary agent for upcoming virtual SNEAPA. Glenn has agreed to take this on ahead of formal election.
- Jenny Paquet - Has volunteered to be the APA policy delegate
- SNEAPA --
  - Contract updated for 2022 at Convention Center - Oct 6 and 7 - in person.
  - Michael Deluca has already solicited bids for hotel rooms
  - Would like to do a in person social event for Rhode Islanders during 2021 SNEAPA
    - Jillian will take the lead on this; Jim happy to help
- Programs and Events
  - Jillian Finkle is the new Program Chair.
  - GrowSmart RI effort to institute a Main Street Program - collecting feedback and starting plans
  - Summer social -- June 26th - 4 picnic tables reserved at Colt State Park. 2pm-6pm. Sarah will circulate a list so people can sign up to bring things. Sarah will put together a flyer to circulate.
  - Climate Change event on EC4 (what they are working on)-- Sarah to check back with Liz Stone to see if this can be moved along. May want to include someone from RIDOH for a health/equity perspective, particularly related to the HEZs.
  - Jim working on climate change webinar for June 16. East coast/West coast regions partnering.
  - April 30 EDI event - great feedback Roberta -- good film, discussion, questions asked. Jeff to circle back with Fabiola re: partnership with Charrette High School
  - Lena to open a vimeo account for APA RI
- Membership committee - Have 215 members as of today -- 73 are chapter only members.
  - 5 or 6 planning boards are officially members
  - Seen increase in membership - effort had positive results
- Legislative -
  - Big push is still the land use commission. Mike and Jim spearheading effort to write a white paper with APA’s position on commission and what we hope to accomplish.
  - Unclear how things will move forward with virtual meetings. Major concerns on municipal level.
  - Ashley asked if Jeff had been in touch with the planner-appointee to the Land Use Commission (Thom Deller,) Jeff shared that he had and that Mr. Deller is committed to having planners comfortable that their voice is at the table, and that
he is interested to read the white paper when it is shared with him. Jim shared
that he will be in regular contact with Thom as he will be working with him on the
Johnston comprehensive plan.

Ashley Sweet made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sarah Ingle.
The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm.