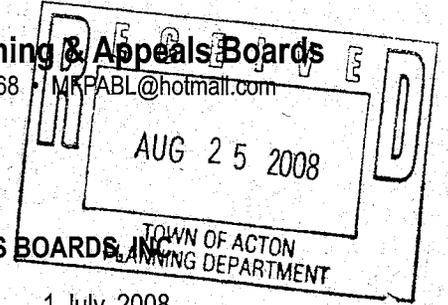




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The enclosed is an invoice for the annual membership drive for the Massachusetts Federation of Planning and Appeals Boards. This is NOT a bill: you won't be annoyed over and over again by requests for payment. What we do hope is that what you'll do is agree, as a board, either to renew your existing membership or, if you are not already a member, you will decide to become one for the coming year. Try us out! Postage and other costs have increased dramatically. It may very well save you some money to using with the HELP line feature either over the phone or by the Federation's internet address, [mfpubl@hotmail.com](mailto:mfpubl@hotmail.com). Don't every feel embarrassed to call or use our internet address to contact us with a problem. Those of use who are long-serving board members will readily say: what ever mistake you feel you may have made, we have probably made in he past.

The Federation's Board of Directors, officers, advisory board members, and the Executive Director are dedicated to providing the best service and that most narrowly focused on the specific needs of our core membership: Planning Boards, and Zoning Boards of Appeal. All our office, directors and advisory board members are long-serving "citizen" board members, degreed planners, or attorneys. They are all extremely knowledgeable, and experienced with the special difficulties that sitting board members are faced with nearly every meeting.

We are available nearly 365 days a year, to talk over problems, ideas, possible solutions, petitioner problems, and other problems that come up over the year in municipal board service. And, what do we do with your money? Quite a lot! With the membership fees which you send to us, we publish affordable manuals: The Low and Moderate Income Housing book; the Zoning Guidebook; The Subdivision Control Handbook; the three-volume series of the Land Use Manager (by Donald Schmidt); and the Special Permit book. Att'y Carol Rolf is the author of everything but the Land Use Managers. We maintain the HELP Line, which is available to boards (both Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeal). We attempt area meetings each spring in each of the state's five areas (depending on interest, and hold an annual conference at the end of the year with programs and speakers and workshops which we hope will be of interest to all. Every effort has been, and will be, made to keeps costs and prices low so our publications and meetings are affordable to all.

This is the beginning of the Federation's 93rd year. In this past 12 months, we have reaffirmed our commitment to the Massachusetts Land Use Reform Act, now the Community Planning Act II. This effort represents a great step forward to making lasting and meaningful changes in the land use law of our state.

We are still hoping to sound the death-knell for ANR. Will this day ever come?

This year, our annual meeting will be held on Saturday, the 24 of October, at the Crowne Plaza in Worcester. So far we have had some very good speakers and workshop leaders agree to participate, among them Att'y Carol Rolf, Alexandra Dawson, and Glenn Garber. We will try again to see if we can get some cooperation about the efforts to forestall "hostile 40Bs". The projected cost of the program will be \$40 per attendee for attendees from member boards, and \$45 for non-members. Free parking will be provided, as well as lunch. Coffee, tea, juices, etc., and pastries will be provided. A flyer advertising the meeting in more detail will be mailed out late in August or early in September.

Again, call our H.E.L.P. line at 508-754-3068 with questions and comments on our programs and publications, and any problems you may be experiencing. Normal hours are 9:00am to 5:00pm, Mon-Fri, but if we are in when the phone rings, we'll answer, including weekend days, and evenings, and weekends! If we don't have the answer to hand on a question when you call, we can get it for you. It's a way for all of us to learn.

We are always interested in your suggestions for programs, speakers, publications, etc. You may also use the help line number to contact us with your ideas, questions, and general comments about what you feel the Federation can do to improve or expand service. We do listen, and we are always willing to consider your ideas .They're how we move forward.