

Maine Recovery Council

November 13, 2025

Chair Pat Kimball opened the meeting with a round of introductions. The minutes of the October meeting were approved (Everett/Pulcifer, 10-0). Pat reviewed the updated meeting schedule: a Council meeting Nov 25 from 12-1 (zoom) and committees in early December. The nominations process has begun. Names should be received by December 1, the Governance Committee will review them at their December 5 meeting (11-12 am by zoom), an email will be sent by December 8 so that the names will be received by the 30-day deadline, and voting will take place at the annual meeting (the first meeting of the Council in January). There was also a reminder that the public forum, scheduled for 1:00 pm, could not extend beyond 5:00 pm, the building closure time. She also reminded Council members that this was the opportunity for members of the public to share their perspectives and asked that members ask only clarifying questions.

The Executive Director's report contained only one item, that to formally re-allocate \$225,000 from the now-closed Church of Safe Injection to other entities.

The motion: "...to re-allocate \$225,000 of Syringe Service Programming Funding, which is the remaining funds from the now terminated SSP contract with the Church of Safe Injection, as follows: \$75,000 to each of Coastal Recovery Community Center and Maine Recovery Access Project for one-time one-year funding for Syringe Service Programming, and an additional \$25,000 to each of Spurwink, Needlepoint Sanctuary, and Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness to supplement their Year 2 funding under their existing SSP contracts." (Fitzgerald/Poulin, 9-0-1).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Public Forum

The forum was conducted from 1-3 pm. Five comments were received from in-person participants and five from online. The forum was closed at 3:00 pm.