

Connecticut Geospatial Information Systems Council

Education and Outreach Working Group

Meeting Minutes

2 February 2010

- The meeting started at 13:30

- Present included: P. Sandgren, C.Chadwick (by proxy for E. Wilson), B. Stewart-Kelly, A. Borden, and T. Dymkowski

- Discussion regarding invitees for Working Group meetings
 - Thad to contact Bill DeGrazia about joining group and meeting attendance for March
 - Beth brought up contacting other members of Dept. of Education or local Universities
 - Peter suggested examining the “How is GIS Used” for update on the web page
 - Thad noted he links to it on the Town of Newington GIS page

- Discussion regarding the Geofocus Newsletter
 - Beth will contact the list serve with a link to the new edition of the newsletter
 - Thad proposed sending out an e-mail with parts of the newsletter in HTML similar in nature to ESRI’s ArcWatch digital format
 - Peter suggested creating an index of stories from each edition with a link to the newsletter
 - Arrol suggested using keywords for searching ease
 - Arrol volunteered to attempt keyword index for articles to send to Bernard for inclusion on the web page
 - Corrections and edits – it was agreed that for future editions substantive edits would be offered by notepad bubbles on the pdf sent by Beth. Peter

will take care of small typos, i.e. punctuation, spacing, using Adobe Acrobat Pro.

- Cary will update Geofocus links on the User to User web page
- Peter offered to create index for latest edition
- Discussion regarding the GIS Day Survey
 - Note to be sent out to list serve with link to survey asking for participation
- Discussion regarding phone calls inquiring about providing aerial photo services to the state
 - Suggestion to defer such calls to Diane Wallace or Mike Varney
- Discussion regarding the “What is GIS” power point presentation
 - Suggestion to link on the web page or host it on the User to User web page
 - Note is made to notify Bill DeGrazia when this resource is available for him to circulate to his members
- Discussion regarding Working Group web page updates
 - Cary suggested making a list of updates for Bernard
- Discussion regarding the GIS Municipal Survey
 - Peter suggested we should have the State GIS use map as a static image on the web page with a link to the ArcGIS Server application (there was a suggestion we put the map up as both pdf and powerpoint)
 - Cary created the web application of the map, and suggested we target the towns reported as without GIS
 - Cary will look at the information in the attribute table for surveying the orange towns that previously reported no GIS in their town
 - The Group agreed that the data should be scrubbed to leave out personal contact information
 - Peter volunteered to send an e-mail to towns showing “orange” with the letter asking for updates and a link to the survey

- Revisions to the survey were proposed
- Mary Huda from CAAO is confirmed for attendance at the February CT GISC meeting for a presentation.
 - She will be our invited speaker/presenter.
- Discussion of CT U2U venues.
 - U2U meeting is on Friday at the MDC Training Center. Other locations would be good, but parking and transportation can be an issue
- Peter noted for next meeting to discuss and examine the working group web page and the survey, using a projector or laptop to view the webpages live
- Discussion regarding the location of 2010 GIS Day and the facilities available
 - A future field trip was discussed
- Meeting adjourned at 14:40