

**RHODE ISLAND FLOOD MITIGATION ASSOCIATION
MEETING NOTES**

October 24, 2007 at 5:00 pm

Ground Round Restaurant

2 George Street

Pawtucket, RI

I. Attendees:

Pam Pogue, RIEMA; Chair

Erik Skadberg, City of East Providence, Vice-Chair

Wayne Barnes, City of East Providence; Secretary

Buvana Ramaswamy, CDM, Vice-Treasurer

Ron Miner, CDM, Treasurer

Janet Freedman, Coastal Resources Management Council

Victor Hom, National Weather Service

Gardner Bent, USGS

II. Points of Discussion

- The next RIFMA-sponsored event will be a property insurance informational seminar to be held on December 12th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Blackstone Valley Visitor Center Theater, featuring several Rhode Island insurance experts.
- A Community Rating System (CRS) workshop is proposed for the future and is seen by the group as a necessary and worthwhile event, either as a stand-alone RIFMA-sponsored event or as part of the 2008 annual meeting.
- A time for the next regular RIFMA meeting was discussed. November 29th was tentatively chosen with a suggested time of 3:00 pm. Venue was to be determined but there are several possibilities.
- RIFMA's involvement in legislative activity was discussed. Pertinent legislation for the upcoming year includes dam safety along the state's rivers and streams, and freeboard requirements in Special Flood Hazard Areas.
- Victor will attempt to get power point presentations from the "Saving Property" workshop held earlier in the day on our website.
- Gardner Bent may be able to help out with the website.
- Corinne has volunteered to work on reconciling membership and mailing lists.
- The 2008 Annual Conference and Membership Meeting was briefly discussed. A tentative date is April 28, 2008. Planning for this event will be started at the November RIFMA meeting.

- Corinne suggested that RIFMA's membership year be from April 1 through March 31 to properly coincide with the annual conference and meeting.

III. Next Meeting:

The next regular RIFMA meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29th at 3:00 PM. Location to be determined.