

RHODE ISLAND FLOOD MITIGATION ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

I. Date: November 6, 2006

(Next Meeting: December 4th, 2006 – 10:00 AM – at RIEMA)

II. Attendees: Carissa Lord has a sign-in sheet.

III. Topics of Discussion:

A. The group discussed and brainstormed the goals they would like to see RIFMA accomplish. These included:

- An annual meeting – to provide a CFM prep course and the exam, accredited training courses, networking opportunities, and fun!
 - Raise awareness of risk
 - NFIP regulations
 - Who does what (roles & responsibilities)
 - Showcase town ordinances and other policies that are successful
- Professional Training which is accredited for surveyors, architects, engineers, etc.
 - CFM preparation
 - LOMA training
 - Elevation certificate training
 - No Adverse Impact
- Outreach/Education
 - Public
 - Decision Makers (planning boards, town councils, etc.)
 - Water Suppliers

B. Potential Committees of RIFMA

- Annual Conference and Awards Committee
- Outreach
 - Teach the public of awareness
 - Educate decision makers
 - Promote accessibility of flood maps
- Professional Training (accredited courses)
 - Real Estate Agencies
 - Engineers
 - Surveyors
 - Architects
 - Planners
- Research
 - Technical information for decision makers
 - Examples from other Flood Management Associations
 - Examples from other local floodplain ordinances
- State Agency Coordination
 - Bring together state agencies responsible for coastal zone management, floodplain management, emergency management, etc.

- Local Policies/Ordinances
 - Understand NFIP dictations
 - Support floodplain ordinance development
 - Community Rating System
- Map Modernization
 - Identify risks
 - Identify required changes to maps

C. Potential Board Members of RIFMA

The Board may potentially consist of a representative from the agencies listed below or for the function listed below:

- insurance
- National Weather Service
- Real-estate
- FEMA Region 1
- ASFPM
- League of Cities & Towns
- CRMC
- DEM
- serve as interstate liaison with other state agencies and neighboring states
- membership
- annual conference
- regulations
- research
- education
- training/CFM
- map mod

D. Interim Directors (3 of 4 confirmed)

Nicole Belk, Secretary

Pam Pogue

Erik Skadberg

Interim Director Nominee

Ron Miner, Treasurer, was nominated to the Interim Board of Directors as well.

Response is pending.

E. Other Points Brought Up

Janet Keller is interested in seeing an ecosystem approach to design planning. Build a message to get people to think a lot harder before they build.

Janet Freedman is also interested in watershed management through modeling.

Public education should also include legal issues- to hit where it's felt. Educate city council members but the message also has to make its way into regulation.

Kathleen Crawley would like to see RIFMA to address water supply as well as land use issues.

Firas Makarem reminded us to keep things basic and fun at the first annual meeting. It would be helpful at this time to outline the roles of various agencies.

IV. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at noon. The next RIFMA meeting is scheduled for:

- Monday, December 4th (10 a.m. to noon)