**NJAFM Board Minutes**

**Wednesday February 1, @ 8:00 AM**

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| **Call-in Info:** |
| **Join Zoom Meeting** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86708748389?pwd=ZGk4ZHZKV25vN0F1LzlnWWtjdldGZz09>  **Meeting ID:** 867 0874 8389  **Passcode:** 399135 **Phone:**  13052241968,,86708748389# US |
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1. **Call to Order**

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| **Executive Committee:** |  | **Committee Chairs:** |
| X Elissa Commins, Chair |  | X Legislative Chair – Rebecca “Becky” Jones |
| X Chris Crane, Vice-Chair |  | X Conference Chair – Mike Graham |
| X Sean O’Leary, Treasurer |  | X Conference Chair – Mark Mauriello |
| ☐ Ann Holtzman, Secretary |  | ☐ Membership – Chris Theodos |
| ☐ Vince Mazzei, Past Chair |  | X Outreach – Tom Slowinski |
|  |  | ☐ Training – Jim Galantino |
|  |  | X Stormwater – Brian Specht |
|  |  | ☐ CRS – Joseph Ruggeri |
| **General Membership:** |  | ☐ CRS – Neil Byrne |
| X Joe Barris, Executive Director |  | X Awards/Scholarship – Elissa Commins |
| ☐ Greg Westfall, Training Coord |  | X Insurance – Tyler Ardron |
| X Andrew Banff |  |  |

1. **Adoption of Minutes:** NJAFM Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 11, 2023
   1. O’Leary Motion and Graham Second. Motion Carries.

**3. Treasurer Report –Banking Account Update.**

* 1. Month beginning balance = $87,946.78
  2. Income = $170.00
  3. Expenses = $7,204.48
  4. Ending = $81,635.50
  5. NJDEP and FEMA still owe for the conference per Chris Crane. Becky knows who to send the NJDEP bills so she is going to email us the contacts.

**4. New Business**

1. Adoption of a proposed Budget for 2023

## Joe Barris sent us all the proposed budget. It is a balanced budget. Elissa’s goal is to have our operating expenses covered outside of the conference.

## Joe has $10K in the budget for him. Mike suggested that we give him the $17,500 he deserves. One way to cover this is we can incentivize him by getting new members, charging for training, etc. Andrew Banff agrees that he and Jim can use some help on the training committee. If Joe can hop in and help, we can build that out more and charge more. Mike is going to find the old plan for incentives we had and send to everyone.

## Sean made a motion to adopt, Mike seconded. Motion carried.

1. Meeting w/ NJ Municipal Construction Code Officials

## Elissa spoke about the meeting she had with Mike Thulien about this joint training. Hopefully DCA will approve it for credits.

1. Open Floor on New Business for 2023 – No new business.

**5. Old Business**

1. NJDEP Inland Flood Protection Rules: Stormwater Committee Letter
   1. Bryan Specht knocked it out of the park with this letter. Bryan asked if we will include NJAFM letter head and Elissa confirmed that would be the case. Elissa and Bryan will sign it together.
   2. Becky gave some insight to how NJDEP operates, and she mentioned that often, the people doing the proposing don’t listen to the technical staff. She suggested we mention that NJDEP organizes a scientific committee. She ran through the comments and gave some notes on each one. One of them is getting private consultants involved to help expedite the development of new maps and digitize it.
   3. Andrew Banff agrees that there are too many issues with the floodplain regulations. He spoke with some people in the past and thinks we need to just throw them out and start from scratch. Things like “factors of safety” are based on outdated science. Andrew asked Becky to create a letter that the board could approve and we send to Commissioner LaTourette. Also Andrew suggested we post it on our website and everyone loved it.
2. MOA for Executive Director – We need to still create this.

**6. Executive Director**

1. Newsletter (spring/fall)
   1. Joe is asking for some help developing.
2. Website revisions/update
3. Outreach
   1. Rutgers Student Networking Event
   2. NJ Society of Architects, Jersey Shore Chapter – lets work with the Conference Committee to get tracks at the conference geared towards specific professionals.
4. Ocean First Bank

**7. Open Floor**

A. Conference Committee – Joe sent out a recap from the last meeting. Looks like Mitigation will be the theme this year. Mark is asking for suggestions for speakers and what not within the next month so we can lock something in.

B. Membership – 353 Members right now. Land surveyors conference coming up in February in AC and he will be there recruiting. We offered 22 credits last year for Land Surveyors.

1. Outreach – At that land surveyors conference, we are sponsoring a coffee breakout. We were also invited to the Public Works Expo but its too expensive. New York State Floodplain Manager Conference is in April but not well attended. Its in Syracuse. We are going to see if this is worth it at a later date. Tom also wants to reach out to more Realtors.
2. Insurance – Realtors need their credits by April. Tyler is already presenting for NJAFM in Feb/March so this is perfect.
3. Awards – ASFPM is $725 for early bird registration. Elissa is going to purchase 4 of them under out name just to get it handled. We can also start looking at awards for our conference.

**8. Motion to Adjourn**

Move: O’Leary Second: Elissa

Y: All N: Null A: Null

Vote Determination: Passed

**Next NJAFM Board Meeting**

Online via Zoom

Wednesday, March 1,2023 @ 8am (Open Meeting)