**NJAFM Board Agenda**

**Wednesday March 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 |
| X Ann Holtzman, Secretary |  | X Membership – Chris Theodos |
| X Vince Mazzei, Past Chair |  | ☐ Outreach – Tom Slowinski |
|  |  | X Training – Jim Galantino |
|  |  | X Stormwater – Bryan Specht |
|  |  | X CRS – Joseph Ruggeri |
| **General Membership:** |  | ☐ CRS – Neil Byrne |
| X Joe Barris, Executive Director |  | X Awards/Scholarship – Elissa Commins |
| ☐ Greg Westfall, Training Coord |  | ☐ Insurance – Tyler Ardron |
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1. **Adoption of Minutes:** NJAFM Board Meeting, Wednesday, February 1, 2023

*Elissa noted an update to the minutes regarding her meeting with Mike Tulene, that meeting had not happened yet, but she is working to set that meeting up.*

 *Motion to approve as amended: Sean Seconded: Mike.* *Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

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

* 1. Month beginning balance = *$81,635.50*
	2. Income = *$640.00*
	3. Expenses = *$3,790.09*
	4. Ending = *$79,627.38*

*Met with Sarah and Chris recently. There are a number of large organizations (NJDEP, FEMA, etc.) who will be invoiced in the coming week for membership fees, so anticipating those receipts in the next month.*

*A check for $3,500 to T&M for training that was unprocessed was cancelled and reissued.*

**4. Committee Reports**

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| ☐Legislative Chair – Rebecca “Becky” Jones |
| ☐Conference Chair – Mike Graham, Mark Mauriello*Conference blast going out today/tomorrow. Encouraged everyone to submit, get colleges to submit. Plenary and keynotes speakers getting fleshed out. Registration will start in about a month. Generally, ahead of schedule. Thanks to Andrew for coordination with ethics trainer from last year.* |
| ☐ Membership – Chris Theodos*324 paid members on database. Attended NJSPLS Surveyors conference last week. Nice booth. Good response at the booth.* |
| ☐ Outreach – Tom Slowinski |
| ☐ Training – Jim Galantino*Andrew made an appeal for additional help on the training committee. Aware that Tyler is working on a NFIP seminar for realtors for March/April. Joe added that he was approached by Forerunner to have NJAFM partner on one of their upcoming monthly webinars (March 27th or 28th. Joe also reached out to colleagues from his office about possibly offering training on environmental reviews and how to navigate the NEPA/ Federal requirements review process.*  |
| ☐ Stormwater – Bryan Specht*Continuing discussion of Inland Stormwater Management Rules. Would like to put out an additional statement from NJAFM disagreeing with proposed NJDEP rules. Rules are based off of a single study; factors used are experimental; extreme measures; certain factors of State safety are multi-layered and overlapping.**Jeromie Lange noted that it wasn’t worth sending the letter to DEF, but to possibly focus efforts with legislature.**Elissa encouraged them to draft something or provide an outline. Noted that there was a similar letter coming from legislative committee focused on procedure and policy.**Vince noted that comment period was over so not sure how a subsequent letter would be received by DEP.**Elissa, Mike and Vince all commented on the committee’s exceptional review document for its technical approach and content.**Becky commented on lack of investment from the State. Suggested we maybe move to model more like Maryland. Willing to set up discussion with Dave Quinett from Maryland.**Andrew commented on lack of funding to support rules; studies, modeling, out of date maps, etc.**Elissa, Mike, Joe – tone has to be constructive not accusatory. General discussion of better mapping, funding for mapping and studies, goal oriented.**Joe and Elissa encouraged everyone to get comments, drafts, letters to Elissa.* |
| ☐ CRS – Joseph Ruggeri, Neil Byrne*Brick funding to do 2-day CRS training, 18 sessions. Idea to add a 3rd day specific to NJ. May have to scale back to 12 sessions. Targeted to start after the summer.**Should proceed with Anton’s NFIP training sessions this Spring.**Gina Agosta offered to do additional CRS lunch and learn sessions.**Also working on LOMR/CLOMR training with focus on Floodplain Administrators, 4 1-hour webinars to be done with AECOM early this year. Should finalize shortly and post. Sessions March-June.* |
| ☐ Awards/Scholarship – Elissa Commins*Elissa has reached out to ASFPM regarding NJAFM registering blank attendees.**Blast went out yesterday for scholarship application. $1,500 stipend.**Requested that anyone knowing someone doing an outstanding floodplain management job to send her an email.* |
| ☐ Insurance – Tyler Ardron*Elissa reported that Tyler has an NJAFM lunch and learn coming up for realtors.**Mike reported that there aren’t too many changes currently with Risk-rate 2.0, but some upcoming in next few months.* |

**5. New Business**

1. ASFPM Conference and Chapter Row

*Elissa recommend we partner with NY/PA to share booth, will reach out.*

*Mike and Elissa will coordinate on NJ lunch and item for gift auction.*

1. Public Works Association 2023 Exposition 4/19/23.
2. Funding Support
	1. Manasquan Savings (scholarships) - submitted.
	2. Ocean First Foundation (operational support)

*Joe reported on submissions. Establishing relationships. Asked anyone with contacts at foundations and the like to pass the names along to Joe.*

1. Photo copyright

*Elissa and Chris provided overview of email notice received. No formal notice received. Image in question removed from website same day.*

**6. Old Business**

1. NJDEP Inland Flood Protection Rules: Bryan Specht, Stormwater Committee

*Covered above.*

**7. Executive Director**

1. Newsletter (spring/fall)
2. Member Survey
3. Website revisions/update
4. Rutgers guest lecturer for hydrology class
5. Rutgers Career Corps Meeting (3/31)
6. Summer Interns and employment recruiting

*Joe sent update to the executive committee last week. Provided general overview of above activities.*

**8. Open Floor**

*No comments.*

**9. Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: *Chris* Second: *Mike* *Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

**Next NJAFM Board Meeting**

Online via Zoom

Wednesday, April 5,2023 @ 8am