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RIBOA Monthly Meeting-July.

Location- Department of Administration, Providence

July 31, 2013

WE LIKE TO THANK MICHELLE BURNETT, STATE FLOODPLAIN COORDINATOR FOR HER PRESENTATION OF THE REVISED INSPECTION PLACARDS THAT WERE DEVELOPED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF JACK LEYDEN AND THE INSPECTORS WHO PARTICIPATED DURING THE INSPECTION PROCESS FROM SUPERSTORM SANDY. THE NEW PLACARDS WILL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER FOR INSPECTORS TO PERFORM THEIR JOB AND ALSO BETTER ASSIST THE RESIDENTS DURING A FUTURE CRISIS. MICHELLE ALSO INTRODUCED SAMANTHA RICHER, THE CRS (COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM) COORDINATOR FOR THE STATE, AND SHE SPOKE ABOUT CITY AND TOWN PARTICIPATION IN THE CRS PROGRAM AND THE BENEFITS TO RESIDENTS WHO HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, THEY CAN CONTACT HER AT 462-7152 OR VIA EMAIL AT SAMANTHA.E.RICHER.NFG@MAIL.MIL. THANKS AGAIN MICHELLE AND TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THIS HAPPEN. MICHELLE ALSO CONGRATULATED JOE WARNER, RICHARD PIMENTA AND WAYNE PIMENTAL FOR THEIR COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFIED FLOODPLAIN MANAGER (CFM) EXAM. THANKS TO MICHELLE AND JESS SIMPSON FOR THEIR DEDICATED ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING THEM FOR THE EXAM. IF YOU WANT TO GET CFM CERTIFIED, CONTACT MICHELLE.

A REMINDER THAT IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN HOSTING A FUTURE MONTHLY MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT BILL NASH WITH THE LOCATION AND THE DATE AVAILABLE.

Meeting called to order at 2:02 PM by President Bill Nash

Pledge of Allegiance Pledge led by Chuck Phelps

Executive Board Members Present:

President: Bill Nash
Vice President: Tom DiFusco
Secretary: Wayne Pimental
Treasurer: Bruce Zaloudek
Past President: Dave Tacey

Minutes- Motion made by George W., seconded by Dave M., to approve the May Minutes, all members approved.

Treasurers Report:



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- Bruce presented the report for the period from 5-30-2013 to 7-31-2013. The amount paid out was \$19,283.83, which included IRS fees, accountant fees, gift basket, monthly meeting food, golf cost, State taxes and clothing. The amount taken in was \$26,855.35 from permits and golf fees, clothing, summer meeting fees and monthly meeting. The balance in the checkbook was \$24,762.08. The amount in savings was increased from book royalties and is now \$18,055.14. This year's golf tournament took in \$24,996.00 and paid out \$17,354.66, for a tentative net profit of \$7,641.34. Motion to accept by Bill H., seconded by George W., all members approved.
- It was also reported by Wayne that the E-software for Quickbooks Pro has been purchased, and we will begin to establish budgets and reports for the membership.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership-** President Nash noted that the new membership year starts in September and that the applications will be available soon on the website.
- **Social-** Chairperson Peter Scorpio reported on our web advertising and noted we currently have seven businesses on the web site with their appropriate links. Please make an effort to get sponsors for our association. Please contact Peter if you have any questions on Web Advertising. He reminded everyone that the Summer Outing is scheduled for August 2, at the Atlantic Beach Club in Middletown. There are currently about 60 people attending. Please plan on arriving at 11:30 AM, as they plan on serving promptly at noon. Peter also noted that we have collected \$300.00 this past year from our weekly collection of the "John Pagliaro Fund" and that we will be making the donation to the URI College of Engineering Scholarship Fund in memory of Stu Cowen. Thanks to all for your ongoing support. The October Amherst Rhode Island night will be held at the Amherst Brewery, and as agreed upon previously, individual gift cards will be given to attendees for them to use for food and drink of their choice. If you plan on attending the Amherst Seminar and RI night, please contact Peter to let him know, so he can get a count. Roger P. is working on the date for the Winter meeting to be held at Twin River, and more will be provided at next month's meeting.
- **Golf-** Chuck Phelps reported that the golf tournament was a huge success. We want to THANK Chuck, along with all of golf committee members and volunteers for their help. Without them, this event would not happen, **THANKS AGAIN TO ALL**. Pictures of the tournament will be posted soon on the website. Chuck has booked next year's tournament again for Crystal Lake on June 6th, 2014. Rather than having the dinner in the main hall, it will be changed to the outdoor dining area, and we will also have access to volleyball, horseshoes and other outdoor activities.
- **Education-** Commissioner Leyden reported that he is working with National Grid on upcoming half-day seminars to be offered over the course of a year beginning in October on Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas and Energy Codes. He also noted that National Grid is in the final stages of Code Compliance Enhancement Initiative, which will provide code support to Building Officials, including site visits if needed. The contact number for this service is 855-343-0105. They are also requesting



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volunteer code officials to provide feedback on the program. Code Official volunteers from the southern part of the state are David Murphy and Joe Warner. The northern volunteers are Joe Raymond, Peter Scorpio, Chuck Phelps, Roger Peirce and Neil Hall. If you are interested in the volunteer program, contact Jack. Sam Francis from the American Wood Council has announced that they are offering free one hour webinars in September starting on the 4th, and they are from 1-2 PM. Contact Jack for the link.

- Wayne reported that due to conflicts with our proposed presenters and other seminars, the Expo scheduled for September 13th at New England Tech will be postponed until late October or early November. We are waiting to hear back from NEIT for new dates. We will provide an update at the next meeting.
- **Scholarship**- Chairperson Bill Hanley reported that there were two new applicants and four second time applicants. Scholarship committee members Bill Hanley, John DeSautel, Al DeCorte and Joe Lewis have not yet met on the review or distribution of awards. Due to school starting soon, it was noted that a decision should be made before the next meeting to expedite getting the award to the students. A motion was made by Joe Raymond, seconded by Dave Tacey to allocate up to \$3,500.00 for the six applicants, all members approved
- **New Business**- Commissioner Leyden reported that the House passed House Bill 5347, which allows zoning setbacks to be overridden for the installation of accessible ramps. Both local and State ADA fees would also be waived. Jack noted that there is a vacancy on the Northeast Building Code Association board. They meet four times per year, and discuss code issues affecting New York and the New England States. See Jack for further information. One last item, Building Officials should not require builders to submit a "Work on behalf of homeowners affidavit" on Town letterhead. A simple affidavit signed by the homeowner is satisfactory.
- President Nash noted that the deadline to submit written request for assistance to attend the ICC Conference had passed, and that he had received four written request from Jack Leyden, Peter Scorpio, Al DeCorte and Wayne Pimental. He stated that the executive board recommended and allocation of up to \$1,500.00 per person. A motion was made to provide funding to each person for up to \$1,500.00 by Carlo T., seconded by Steve G., all members approved. President Nash also requested a motion for funding for the ICC Rhode Island Night. A motion was made to allocate \$30 per attendee by George W., seconded by Steve G., all members approved.
- Contractors Registration Director George Whalen reviewed the recently passed House Bill effective January 1, 2014 that will require Home Inspectors to be licensed. There will also be licenses required for Well Drillers and Commercial Roofers.
- I wasn't able to speak with the young lady, who I believe her name was Keona, so I apologize if I don't have the correct spelling. She is working on her senior thesis on green and blue, which is a study of the collaboration of blue collar workers and



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environmentalists with regards to lead safe work practices. She is looking to speak with Building Officials concerning this topic. I don't have a contact for her, but if anyone does who spoke with her, please forward it to me and I will get it out to the membership.

Old Business: Bill Hanley reported that the registration is now open for the upcoming educational seminar in Amherst scheduled for October 7th, 8th and 9th. He urged everyone to book your hotels early and request the government rate when booking. The same process will be followed for submitting for course credit hours as you have in the past. Commissioner Leyden noted that the new codes were adopted effective July 1, 2013, and that builders have the option to construct to the old code until October 1, 2013 per notification to the Building Official. The new code books should arrive next week and one set will be given to each Town. There will be both spiral and bound versions, with the option to chose either based on first come first served. There are not CD versions of the code available at this time. The NASCLAR order cards are available and Richard C. distributed them. There were many changes throughout, especially within the Property Maintenance Code administrative provisions. There was discussion about the participation in the code change process, and Jack stated that this has been openly discussed throughout the past year, and that a pubic comment hearing was also held in May.

Health & Welfare: None Reported.

Correspondence: None Reported.

Shirt Raffle-The shirt raffle was initially won by Peter Scorpio Sr., but he donated it back as he had won in the past. Thanks Peter. The second drawing was won by Warren Ducharme, so you get the shirt, but you owe Peter a beer.

Charitable Donation- \$32 was collected for the donation Fund.

Adjourn: 3:05 P.M.