

STATE/LEGISLATIVE WORKGROUP

NEW HAMPSHIRE COASTAL RISKS AND HAZARDS COMMISSION

December 5, 2014 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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MEETING MINUTES

Attending: Representative Fred Rice, Edna Feighner, Jennifer Gilbert, Cory Riley, Sabrina Stanwood, Robert Cormier, Sherry Godlewski, Cliff Sinnott, Mary Kate Ryan, Steve Couture

1. Welcome/Introductions --- Steve Couture, Acting Chair

The Acting Chair began the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Workgroup members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

2. Acceptance of November 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes.

Motion (Cormier) and second (Stanwood) to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Unanimous approval.

3. Work Plan Assignments, Strategy Template

Goal is to complete this template and present a draft to the full CRHC at the 19 December 2014 meeting. The Inland Workgroup has a draft template to share; ours will focus on state agency roles and possible legislative actions. A discussion of the Inland Workgroups template and a few items gave some format to the S/L workgroup discussion. Each agency needs to consider what they need to achieve each overarching goals. The templates will be submitted to NHDHR by December 15, close of business, and compiled by Edna Feighner and Mary Kate Ryan to be sent back out to the workgroup on the 17th. The draft will be shared at the meeting on the 19th. The matrix is intended to facilitate the thought process, and these strategies will be a basis for discussion; these are not final strategies. Please consider any processes or data gathering formats that your agency has that might be replicable or serve as a guideline for other agencies or organizations.

The September 14 minutes had a list of considerations the workgroup set forth for drafting our strategies. Review these. The Science Advisory Panel Report should also be used in developing strategies.

Larger topics of consideration:

What are the barriers to action? Is it funding or regulatory restrictions that make it harder for municipalities to create better infrastructure?

Where should state and local rules be the same? Where do they need to at least be complimentary? Where do they already disagree or contradict? Can the Commission, as a whole, make recommendations on where the state should speak up and where local municipalities need to lead? We've agreed that the CRHC should help the state provide consistent, science-based planning information and structures and guidance for local level discussions.

How do we make sure efforts towards disaster preparedness, adaptation, resiliency, etc. are integrated or coordinated?

ACTIONS:

Edna Feighner to send out FEMA documents and attendee list

Sherry Godlewski to send out Inland Template

Steve Couture to send out instructions for template completion.

4. Next meetings:

December 19:

8-10AM, Inland Group

10AM-12PM, Full Commission

5. Other Business / Adjourn

1150 meeting adjourns.