

Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission
January 30, 2013
Meeting MINUTES **draft 2-20-13**

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Jurewicz called the meeting to order 7:01 pm

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

“This meeting is being held in compliance with the ‘OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT’, because adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by notifying the Manville News, the Courier News and the Star Ledger, and by posting notice of such meeting in the Borough Hall on a bulletin board reserved for such announcements and by filing of said notice with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Manville. Formal Action may be taken at this meeting.”

ROLL CALL

Municipalities Present: Bridgewater, Franklin, Hillsborough, Manville, Millstone, Montgomery, Rocky Hill, Somerville, Somerset County

Absent: South Bound Brook, Raritan

FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

INTRODUCTION – Overview – Notes – Mr. Jurewicz

- The 2013 Reorg meeting for the RMRFCC. Call the meeting to order.
- New Email address :
 - o rmrfcc <rmrfcc@manvillenj.org>
 - o rmrfcc <rmrfcc@gmail.com>
- Added to Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/RMRFCC>

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2013

Nomination and Election of Chairperson – Frank Jurewicz

Approval of Nomination and Election: Motion to approve moved by Manville 2nd by Rocky Hill. Ayes 9 Nays 0. Election Approved 9 – 0.

Nomination and Election of Vice-Chairperson – Mayor Ed Zimmerman

Approval of Nomination and Election: Motion to approve moved by Manville 2nd by Rocky Hill. Ayes 9 Nays 0. Election Approved 9 – 0.

Nomination and Election of Treasurer – Kevin Sluka

Approval of Nomination and Election: Motion to approve moved by Millstone 2nd by Hillsborough. Ayes 9 Nays 0. Election Approved 9 – 0.

Nomination and Election of 1st Trustee – Mayor Angelo Corradino

Approval of Nomination and Election: Motion to approve moved by Manville 2nd by Bridgewater. Ayes 9 Nays 0. Election Approved 9 – 0.

Nomination and Election of 1st Trustee – Gail Smith

Approval of Nomination and Election: Motion to approve moved by Manville 2nd by Bridgewater. Ayes 9 Nays 0. Election Approved 9 – 0.

Appointment of Board Attorney – Francis Linnus

Approval of Appointment: Motion to approve moved by Manville 2nd by Millstone. Ayes 9 Nays 0. Election Approved 9 – 0.

Appointment of Board Secretary– Dan Dixon

Approval of Nomination and Election: Motion to approve moved by Manville 2nd by Millstone. Ayes 9 Nays 0. Election Approved 9 – 0.

Appointment of Board Recording Secretary (Web Admin) – Carmella Shaw

Approval of Nomination and Election: Motion to approve moved by Manville 2nd by Millstone. Ayes 9 Nays 0. Election Approved 9 – 0.

ADOPTION OF THE RMR FCC 2013 CALENDAR

MONTH	DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
January	1/23/2013	Manville-7pm	Reorg-Meeting
February	2/27/2013	Franklin-7pm	Franklin-Grant writing (on TV)
March	3/16/2013*	RVCC 10am-2pm	Meeting/Flood Control Seminar-Workshop
April	4/24/2013	Manville	Flood Preparedness/OEM/CERT
May	5/22/2013	Town-Hillsborough-7pm	County Master Plan-
June	6/26/2013	Manville-6pm	Start at 6pm with tour and walk to the river and impact of flooding
July	No Meeting	None	No meeting
August	No Meeting	None	No meeting
September	9/25/2013	Manville-7pm	Year overview, project plan overviews, target hit and miss
October	10/23/2013	Town-Bridgewater-7pm	Greenbrook overview, lessons learned
November	11/27/2013	Manville	Legislative Meeting
December	12/18/2013	County Building	Budget Meeting

ADOPTION OF THE RMR FCC 2013 BUDGET

A copy was attached to the 1/30/13 Agenda

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes: **November and December 2012** meetings. Motion to approve moved by Manville 2nd by Hillsborough Ayes 9 Nays 0. Minutes Approved 9 – 0

Correspondence:

Email and Mail sent to the Commission from:

- Sent contact to DEP for a person who is over the Zarephath Levee. Invited to a meeting in Feb., 2013 to go over flood and land issues with DEP. Meeting occurred on February 11, 2013.
- An email received from Assemblyman Jack M. Ciattarelli.
- An email received from Assemblywoman Donna Simon.
- DEP have stated, they cannot make the February meeting but will meet the executive board meeting in Trenton in Feb. and come to our March meeting.

TRESURER'S REPORT (Kevin Sluka)

1. Claims for Payment:

- a) Donna Alessi. Invoice #2013 – 1 for 3 months as Recording Secretary: \$300. Motion to approve moved by Somerville 2nd by Manville Ayes 7 Nays 0. Minutes Approved 9 – 0.

2. Income: \$250 received from Franklin and Bridgewater 2013-dues. Total of \$500.

3. Budget Encumbrances (None)

4. Donation of Gift to RMRFCC (None)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (KEVIN SLUKA)

The 2 trustees, vice chair, chair and treasurer make up the finance committee. The budget of \$10,000 was adopted at the December meeting. All invoices in the amount of \$250.00 have been forwarded to participating municipalities. The County of Somerset has agreed to a contribution of \$4,000.00.

The closing balance in the Commission bank account as of January 30, 2013 is \$5,931.98. The total is 7,181.98.

Motion to approve the Finance Report moved by Hillsborough 2nd by Millstone Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 9 Bridgewater, Franklin, Hillsborough, Manville, Millstone, Montgomery, Rocky Hill, Somerville, Somerset County Nays 0. Approved 9 - 0

ANNUAL DUES

Checks or purchase orders can be sent to:

Mail checks to:
P.O. BOX 8736
Somerville, NJ, 08876

LEGISLATIVE and COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT (OPEN)

Support

- Appoint member to the committee
- At least 3 people. Includes letter writing, pr, contacts, networking

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (Carl Andreassen)

- Appoint member to the committee

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT - ARMY CORPS of ENGINEERS (7:30 pm)

Update and status report on study - David Gentile

Email: David.T.Gentile@usace.army.mil

Mail: 26 Federal Plaza, 21st Floor, Room 2127, New York, NY 10278.

David was asked at last month's meeting to provide a high level, time line project plan.

Dave stated that he was unable to provide specific dates and suggested that the board seek information from the NJDEP, Congress, Representatives in terms of funding availability as resources are being pulled to Sandy.

Some estimated dates he provided for the study goals;

Channelization Plan: Late March, Non-Structural Plan: Early April, Costs of 3 Alternatives: May, Calculate BCR for 3 alternatives: June.

The board requested status of the study and funds used to date. The study began in 2002 and the study is 1/3 complete and 3.7 million of the 6.8 million has been depleted.

David suggested that the board seek answers from the NJDEP. He provided his supervisor information.

The South Bound Brook Levee range was requested by the board. David gave a range of 37.7ft to 85.3ft. Middle Brook at 85.3ft. and Raritan River at 17.8ft. Mr. Jurewicz requested for Dave to provide an email of the Levee range information.

PRESENTATION and SPECIAL GUEST: None scheduled. Grant writer is scheduled to come to the February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Jurewicz requested the board members to submit any goals or objectives for 2013.
- Raritan Mayor's meeting: re-evaluating if they are interested.
- Status on the State Flood Commission. Will vote at the February meeting. Will expand to the shore.

NEW BUSINESS

The letter to Representatives on the Sandy Relief funding will be addressed at the Legislative Committee meeting to be scheduled in February, 2013.

PUBLIC PORTION: 8:00 pm - Motion to Open Public Comment; moved by Manville 2nd by Somerville

1. Bob Kaminski, 10 Liberty Street, Manville. Expressed concerns about the low lying flood areas caused by large development and change of ground cover. F. Jurewicz offered to bring information or a speaker to discuss how planning boards regulate the development of property and its implementation of the designs.
2. Rich Onderko, 921 Louis Street, Manville Requested the Agenda meeting change the structure so public is earlier in the line up, also, 2 slots for public portion. He also addressed D. Gentile with specific questions. David sent him to the website for the information he requested.
3. Tom Zrinko, Manville. Requested that the board raise his issue to the NJDEP. He want to know why he is unable to raise the elevation of his property in the same way that Zarephath has recently been approved to do to avoid future flooding. He also wants to know if the Royce Brook is part of the study.

Comment ended 8:25 pm

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

The board is looking to bring in a Planning Board Engineer from Hillsborough to discuss the Master Plan and how other towns implement the Plan.

A thank you was offered to the board and to Frank Jurewicz's first year as Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT Motion to Adjourn moved by Manville 2nd by Somerville. Unanimous Aye vote to Adjourn. 8:30 pm

Submitted:

CJShaw
Carmella Shaw
Recording Secretary
RMR FCC

Date: 2/22/13